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FLYING MAY COST MORE AS GOVT LIFTS BASE FARE BAND

The Centre has extended domestic fare bands brought in May 2020 till April-end, but decided to hike the lower fares by 5%

ATF PRICE RISE IS THE REASON, SAYS PURI

"There has been a continuous rise in price of ATF, so it has been decided to increase the lower fare band keeping the upper fare band unchanged," Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri tweeted on Friday. DGCA had on May 21, 2020, announced seven bands of ticket pricing based on flight duration. The first band was for flights that don't take more than 40 minutes

SECOND HIKE IN OVER A MONTH

- The lower limit for the first band was `2,000, which will now change to 2,100 while the ceiling will remain at `6,000
- This is the second time the government has raised fare limits for domestic airlines. The first hike was in February this year
- No. of flights airlines can fly remains 80% of their pre-Covid levels

100%

FLIGHT OPERATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED WHEN DAILY PASSENGER TRAFFIC CROSSES 3.5 LAKH

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Pandemic ate into household savings in a big way in Q2: RBI

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

THE financial distress caused by pay cuts and job losses during the pandemic may have forced Indian households to dip into their savings and borrow more to meet expenses.

According to RBI data released on Friday, households' financial savings rate dropped to 10.4% of the GDP in the July-September 2020 quarter compared with 21% in the preceding quarter, the central bank's preliminary estimates on household savings.

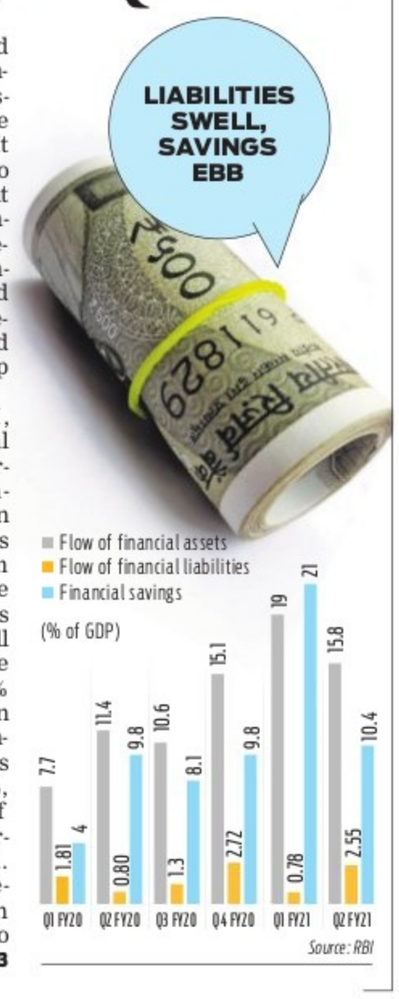
While the drop appears drastic on a sequential basis, a savings rate at 10.4% is still higher than 9.8% recorded in the year-ago period.

The report said Indian households appeared to be slowly going back to their pre-Covid spending habits as consumption switched from an 'essentials only' pattern to discretionary spending with the gradual reopening of the economy.

While the report notes the change is driven by an increase in household borrowings from banks and non-banking financial companies, experts say the drastic drop in income may have accentuated the process. It gives more credence to economists' prediction that households are still maintaining consumption despite job losses and low income levels. Rising food prices in the midst of widespread economic pain could also force households to dip into their savings.

According to RBI, household financial savings have moderated despite an increase in savings in the form of deposits as borrowings from banks and NBFCs have picked up. On the assets side, there was a notable fall in household savings in the form of currency — to 0.4% of GDP in Q2 from 5.3% in Q1. Similarly, household investment in MF products declined to 0.3% from 1.7%, while savings in the form of insurance products moderated to 3% from 3.2% in Q1.

Meanwhile, a Pew Research report said the Indian middle class has shrunk to 6.6 crore from 9.9 crore. P13



MASK UP, FOLLOW COVID NORMS, OR BE READY FOR RESTRICTIONS

Health Minister says tough measures may be necessary to control the sudden surge in cases

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

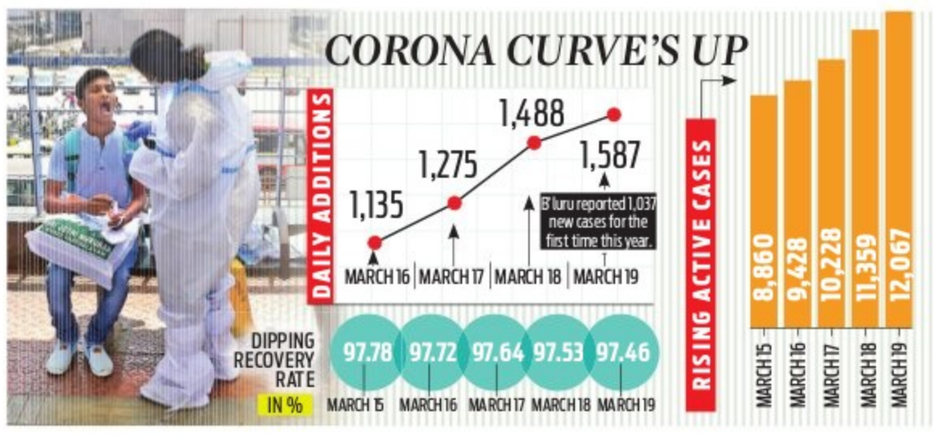
KARNATAKA may soon see night curfew or a partial lockdown kind of scenario if people do not strictly follow Covid-19 protocols and the number of cases continue to rise in the state. While bracing for a second Covid-19 wave, the State Government is closely monitoring the rising number of cases. For three days in a row, the state's daily caseload has been in excess of 1,000, with Bengaluru Urban district contributing the highest number.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar warned that the government may be forced to implement night curfew and felt that it would not be possible to control the pandemic without imposing curbs."We have not yet taken any decision on night curfew, but we are not far from it. There is a fast-changing trend of Covid-19 cases in Bengaluru and some pockets of Karnataka," he noted.

"As Health Minister, I am concerned. Without any curbs, it will be impossible to control the situation. Citizens should have some civic responsibility and follow Covid-appropriate behaviour, or the government will have to take some steps and get them to follow the rules," Sudhakar said.

"Some activities will be curbed and we will decide on those soon. During the second wave, other countries too took certain measures," he added.

MAHA SEES HIGHEST DAILY SPIKE: P10



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Dr K Sudhakar
Health Minister

No curbs on cinema halls: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa on Friday said there is no proposal before the government to impose any restrictions on cinema halls even as he tried to allay concerns of the film industry over the possibility of imposing curbs. This came after Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad said a proposal had been submitted to the government to restrict cinema hall occupancy to 50 per cent in view of the surge in cases.

In a tweet, the CM said, "There is no proposal before the government to restrict seating to 50 per cent capacity in cinema halls. Audiences and theatre owners must abide by all the necessary precautions and cooperate with the government to contain the spread of the coronavirus."

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Centre seeks Delhi HC bar on WhatsApp's privacy policy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Centre on Friday urged the Delhi High Court to restrain Facebook-owned WhatsApp from implementing its new privacy policy and terms of service that are to take effect from May 15.

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology made the submission in its affidavit filed in response to a petition challenging WhatsApp's new privacy policy.

Under the new policy, users can either accept it or exit the app, but cannot opt notto share their data with other Facebook-owned or third-party apps. A bench of Chief Justice D N Patel and Justice Jasmeet Singh listed the matter for further hearing on April 20.

The affidavit said India's IT Rules "require a body corporate who collects, stores or otherwise deals with data to issue a privacy policy providing for certain safeguards, in addition to imposing various other obligations. The impugned privacy policy violates the 2011 Rules."

WHATSAPP, INSTA OUTAGE
Facebook-owned WhatsApp and Instagram suffered a major outage on Friday night for about 30 minutes. There was no official word on the reasons for it | P12

EXPRESS READ

CD-gate: SIT grills Jarkiholi for 3 hours

Bengaluru: A day after TV journalist Naresh Gowda released a video statement, the SIT on Friday questioned BJP leader Ramesh Jarkiholi for three hours in connection with the CD-gate. This is the second time that the former minister is appearing before the SIT for questioning | P5

REIGN OF FEAR ENDS

Forest personnel inspect the carcass of a large tiger, which was found near the Nagarahole Tiger Reserve on Friday morning. The big cat is believed to be the same elusive beast which killed three people and injured one in Kodagu district over the last few weeks | EXPRESS | REPORT: P7

ALMANAC TODAY
Saturday: 20/03/2021 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana: Uttharayana • Ritu: Sishira • Masa: Phalguna • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Sapthami 2:52 am • Nakshatra: Rohini 1:16 pm • Moon in Mithuna Rashi • Rahukaala: 09:00 am to 10:30am • Gulikakala: 06:00 am to 07:30 am • Yamaganda: 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER — MIN 19°C | MAX 34°C — FORECAST: Sunny

Sunrise 6.24 am | Sunset 6.30 pm | Moonrise 10.59 am | Moonset 0.08 am

SCHOOLS PRESSING FOR FEES TO FACE MUSIC

Minister acts after two schools discriminate against students for non-payment

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

AFTER learning about two incidents of discrimination against students for non-payment of fees in Srirangapatna and Bengaluru, Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar on Friday cracked the whip against the schools. He instructed department officials to take action against the schools so that such incidents do not recur.

Such incidents during a time of social hardship erodes the self-confidence of students, the minister said. "This is not a good development from the perspective of the nation's growth. Such discord between the administration and parents negatively impacts children," he pointed out. He recounted an incident where a student from a school in Koramangala had attempted suicide after being humiliated in school for not paying fees.

Meanwhile, the minister spoke to and lauded Manoj from Tavarekere Government High School, Hoskote, who was selected for Pariksha pe Charcha, for a face-to-face session with the Prime Minister. He also spoke over phone to Anusha Krishna from Kundapur, another student who was selected for the programme.

Appointment of lecturers

The Primary and Secondary Education department has given its nod for the appointment of 2,832 lecturers and 1,835 guest lecturers, with a monthly honorarium of Rs 9,000, from February 2021.

SSLC application by March 31

After attendance of a minimum of 25 students in private aided and unaided high schools was made compulsory for accreditation by the government, many SSLC students were unable to register with the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB). Due to the pandemic, the department has given relief on the minimum number of attendees. KSEEB, which conducts the SSLC exams, has asked local officials to accept offline applications by March 31 from students facing this plight.

Comed-K exam on June 20, applications open on March 22

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Consortium of Medical, Engineering and Dental Colleges of Karnataka Under Graduate Entrance Test (Comed-K UGET) and Uni-Gauge entrance examination will be held on June 20, Dr S Kumar, executive secretary of Comed-K, announced on Saturday.

The exams will decide on admissions to 180 self-funding engineering institutes in Karnataka, associated with the Karnataka Unaided Private Engineering Colleges Association and 30 universities across India, which are members of Uni-Gauge. The exams will be conducted online at 400 centres in 150 cities across India. Applications will open on March 22.

Dr Kumar said that this year, more precautions will be taken for the examination. Last year, a large number of engineering seats remained vacant after the delayed start to the academic year – instead of July, classes began in December-end. Examinations were rescheduled thrice and finally held on August 19.

While the average number of admissions under Comed-K is 8,000 to 9,000 students, last year saw only 4,900 admissions. While 62,000 students registered, only 44,000 wrote the examination. He said the consortium will work with the Karnataka Examination Authority this year, to sync their schedules, and ensure there is no delay in counselling. The consortium is planning to have four rounds of online counselling this year.

EXAM CALENDAR

MARCH 22 Application open

APRIL 15 Mock test online

MAY 20 Last date for online payment, submission of application

JUNE 20 Comed-K/ Uni-Gauge exam in two sessions -- 9am-12 noon, 2pm-5pm

JUNE 24 Provisional answer keys

JUNE 26 Last day to object to answer keys

JULY 1: Final answer keys

JULY 6 Test score card

The delay in exams and start of the academic year caused several out-of-state students to opt for institutes in their states

P Muralidhar, CEO, Era Foundation, a not-for-profit that powers the Uni-Gauge exam

LIFE SAVER ON WHEELS

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and Health Minister K Sudhakar inside a Lions Club's mobile blood donation and blood collection bank bus in Bengaluru on Friday. The CM launched three buses at a function at Vidhana Soudha | EXPRESS

Panicky MIT students try to leave campus

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Udupi

STUDENTS trying to return to their hometowns from the Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT) campus at Manipal, which has been cordoned off since Wednesday, without RTPCR negative reports raised an alarm on Thursday evening.

Administrators of MIT, after directions from the health department, had allowed around 130 students with RTPCR negative reports to return home. These students were given one day to leave the campus.

When other students came to know about it, they panicked and around 200 of them tried to move out of the campus without RTPCR negative reports. The campus has eight gates and after it was declared a 'containment zone', the movement of students has been restricted to one gate. Manjunath M, inspector, Manipal police station, told TNIE that some students had to be stopped as they tried to leave without RTPCR negative reports.

ADC Sadashiva Prabhu said that though 5,000 students are yet to be tested, priority will be given to primary contacts of the infected in the first phase of the test, which will be completed within two days. "We will cover the remaining students in the second phase," he said.

Sources said that the district administration may also conduct Covid tests for primary contacts on the seventh day and allow those who test negative to go home. However, a decision on this is yet to be finalised.

Students from MIT, Manipal caused a stir when they tried to leave the campus to their native places on Thursday evening

NLSIU students bag laurels for Covid simulation

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
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TWO students of the Institute of Public Policy, National Law School of India University (NLSIU), have been declared regional winners of the 2021 NASPAA-Batten Student Simulation Competition. Anirudh Jaiswal and Shubham Prakash have been ranked fourth and fifth, respectively, in the Asia Zone. More than 400 students from 120 universities in 30 countries took part.

Jaiswal and his team, in one case, focussed on reducing R-naught, which indicates the contagiousness of an infectious disease, to minimise the spread of infection. "In another case, we focussed more on the development of vaccines," Jaiswal said.

Prakash and his team balanced both the prevention of the spread of the disease and development of vaccine. "But we stressed more on preventing the spread," he said.

"Through these simulations, students can take what they've learned in the classrooms and apply it to simulated real-world experiences. We hope these tools will prepare students for the next major global event, whether it's a pandemic or the climate crisis," said NASPAA Simulation Education Director Supriya Golas.

Fort High restored, to be handed over to govt

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THE newly restored Fort High School building, a 115-year-old heritage structure, will finally be handed over by the restoration organisation — the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) — to the Education Department on Saturday.

Fort High, located in Chamarajpet, Bengaluru, is known to be the first school in Karnataka, and was built in phases starting 1903 by the Mysore Wadiyars.

The school, which was originally an anglo-vernacular school with multiple first languages being taught when it started, still teaches seven first languages — Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, English, Hindi, Sanskrit, Urdu, S C Chandrashekar, former principal, said.

With spacious classrooms, Fort High started as a boys only high school (Classes 8 to 10), with a strength of 2,000 students. The previous year, it catered to 210 students from Classes 1 to 10. The school is a Karnataka Public School and has been teaching in English for a few years, he added.

The Fort High School in Chamarajpet

During the restoration, the students were shifted to one side of the school to ensure continuity of education.

INTACH will hand over the school to the department in a grand manner with an evening of classical musical concert, and in the presence of the Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar.

"The building, we understood during the restoration, is a good architectural study about how to add on to an existing structure — we learnt that the building was built in phases, with different architectural plans," said Pankaj Modi, technical coordinator, INTACH, who headed the project.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

20th March: Lovers should understand that Venus, planet of affection and emotion, is in patterns which signify theatrical verve and dramatic flair. In general, then, this is a time when we may all pick our friends and associates for their sense of fun and frivolity. In other words, it's time to enjoy life for all it's worth!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You should still be enthusiastic about new plans and partnerships. The kindly and supportive alignment of Mercury and Venus guarantees that this is a time to highlight all social contacts, and also to get talking to family members - or anyone else you live with.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Make up your own mind. Do not listen to rumour or conjecture. In spite of your normal down-to-earth attitude, you are now likely to be the ideal victim of a practical joke, so take jests in good part. It's all down to the strange meeting between Venus and Uranus.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Your planetary influences are bright and seldom have you been so forceful and determined to succeed. Yet you must expect partners to respond to your suggestions in an equally forthright manner. You should also be on stand-by for a few surprises.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
For as long as certain planets remain in a tricky attitude to your sign, there is only a little you can do to find a permanent solution to a long-standing financial question. Yet today's Lunar patterns indicate than you can set the lead in all personal matters.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Events and opportunities over the next two days may help you keep your head above water. Yet now that Neptune is so strong, do not expect everything to be clear and above board. Today's Sun-Moon alignment only enhances the air of mystery.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Nobody is in a position to get the better of you financially. Drop your sentimental inhibitions and go all out to achieve your aims. Decisive and speedy action will serve your purpose. Your social stars are strong today, so there's an excellent chance of friendly distractions.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Since a partner is in such a demonstrative mood, you may be bowled over by a display of affection. Even when life is out of balance, as it is now, there is still plenty to reassure you that you are loved. You may even find that friends or colleagues look to you to take charge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Face up to situations you have tried to sweep under the carpet. Your attention is being focused on health and financial matters. Perhaps you should spend more time on exercise and better diet. It's possible that you also need to pick up a new skill or qualification.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
A conflict of personalities or interests appears to be making this a rather awkward phase. Those who combine humour with humility will not be put off by such problems. Use today's Sun-Moon alignment as a springboard to renew a financial enterprise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Offers of advice may irritate, for you are loath to admit that you are imperfect. However, you are in need of practical assistance and there is nothing to be gained from denying this. In fact, the assistance you receive could be overwhelming and invaluable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Now is the time to air complaints and grievances, and to put your point across without wallowing in emotion. Broadly, though, the world is still moving your way. All in all, it's a day to keep active and focus on what can actually be done to improve the situation.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Rather than risk your reputation for being sensitive & compassionate, better avoid all domestic disputes. Instead, try to deal with the fundamental causes of disagreement. Never make assumptions about what people mean - especially when they don't!

THE PHANTOM

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HARD: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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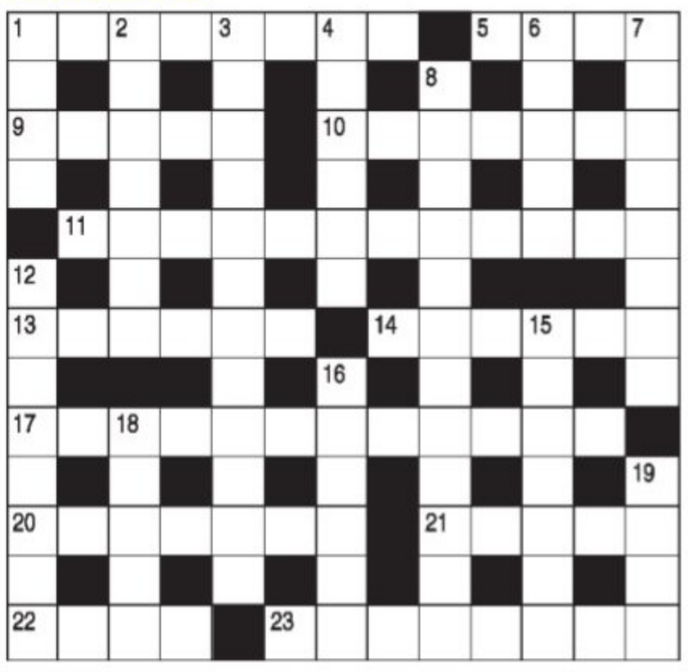

ACROSS

1 Droop when left with misery (8)
5 Permit for crossing a mountain (4)
9 Frame of mind? (5)
10 Deep hatred for a soldier we hear (7)
11 I can report it improved doctor (12)
13 European may be French (6)
14 Handwriting used by actors (6)
17 He's put a lot of places on the map (12)
20 Men held by strange gift of imagination perhaps (7)
21 Spilled paint being unskilful (5)
22 Quote makes sound sense (4)
23 Challenged champion's delay about the final (8)

DOWN

1 Gone astray but see a way to follow (4)
2 Gear for a new Renault (7)
3 A hard case for the beautician? (4,8)
4 Make great effort in race (6)
6 A grain seen only in oak (5)
7 A group of society women (8)
8 It's characteristic of revolting people (12)
12 Definite cure (8)
15 The origin of an Erin lad (7)
16 Squirm like a man under summons? (6)
18 Side where the brightest is best off (5)
19 What some of the best artistes do (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Temperate, 8 Igloo, 9 Absolve, 10 Thwart, 11 Propel, 12 Everyone, 15 Distaste, 18 Chalet, 20 Trendy, 21 Striker, 22 Olive, 23 Weariness.

Down: 1 2 Ember, 3 Prompt, 4 Rivulets, 5 Either, 6 Eleanor, 7 Lost heart, 11 Perdition, 13 Executor, 14 Ascetic, 16 Andrew, 17 Ration, 19 Ewers.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

MATUG

GREME

THEEIR

TNOKYT

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Print Your answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** OUTDO OZONE AGENDA FOSSIL
ANSWER: They'd had the couch for a couple of days, and – "SOFA," SO GOOD

Can't defeat pandemic without public support: CM

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THE CM later appealed, "As the number of cases are increasing, the government is taking all measures to contain the spread of Covid-19. But, it will not succeed without people's co-operation," the CM stated, while appealing to citizens to follow all guidelines by wearing masks, maintaining hygiene and social distancing.

The CM appealed to those aged above 60 and those above 45 years of age with comorbidities to take the Covid vaccination. "We have to take adequate precautions and maintain a balance between life and livelihood," he stressed.

The Kannada film fraternity had expressed concerns over any move to impose restrictions on cinema halls as the industry is just recovering from the impact of Covid19-induced lockdown. Many big budget movies, including the Puneeth Rajkumar-starrer 'Yuvarathnaa' and Duniya Vijay's 'Salaga', are set to be released in April.

"We will adhere to the Covid-19 guidelines, and we thank the CM for assuring that there will be no restrictions on cinema halls," said Karthik Gowda, Executive Producer of Hombale Films, the makers of 'Yuvarathnaa', which is slated for release on April 1.

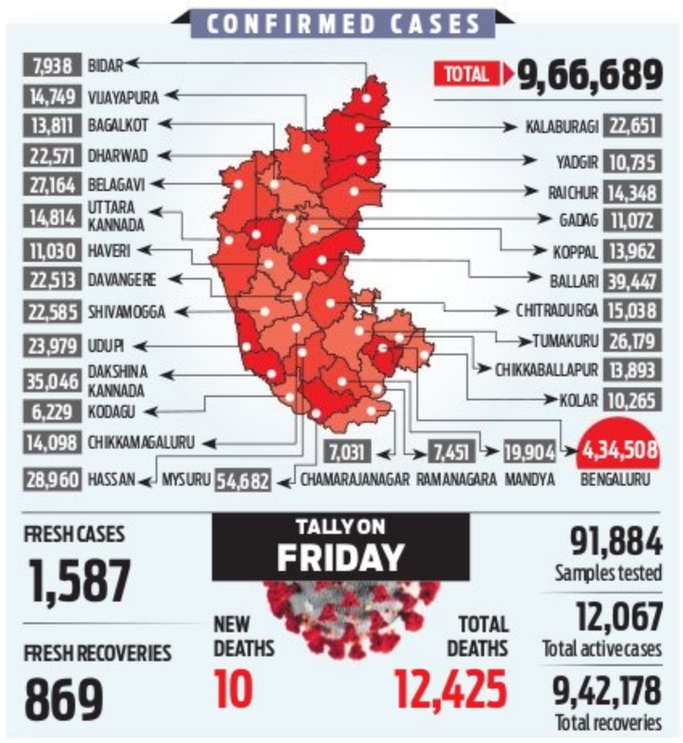
The BBMP has sent a proposal to the government suggesting certain restrictions to contain the spread of the virus in the state capital. The number of Covid-19 cases in the state, especially in Bengaluru, have increased drastically over the last five days, prompting the authorities to consider the possibility of imposing certain restrictions.

Primary contacts of a Covid positive fellow student at Maharani's College wrote their exams in PPE kits in Bengaluru on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

1K cases

IN BENGALURU

Friday marked the fourth consecutive day that Karnataka recorded more than 1,000 cases, and the first day this year that Bengaluru crossed 1,000 new cases. The state saw 1,587 cases with Bengaluru reporting 1,037 on Friday. Ten wards in Bengaluru with the highest number of cases include Bellandur, BTM Layout, Hagadur, Shantala Nagar, Konanakunte, Banaswadi, Hosakerehalli,, Doddanekundi, New Thippsandra and Gottigere. Twenty-four wards have over 50 cases. The city has 12 containment zones at present. More men and those above 70 are testing positive in the city. The day's positivity rate was 1.72%.



Family violates norms, booked

BBMP invokes Disaster Management Act against Covid-19 positive patient too

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

TWO cases have been booked against people for visiting public places in violation of the National Disaster Management Act and criminal proceedings will be initiated against them after they recover from Covid-19, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad has said.

On Thursday, BBMP officials found two instances of people stepping out even though they had been asked to stay indoors. In one instance, a man had tested positive in Sahakarnagar and the residents of his apartment had been told to stay indoors. However, one family visited ISKCON temple on March 9. The family tested positive on March 15. The family has been booked.

In the second case, officials have booked a man for attending a wedding in BEL Layout even though he had tested positive. Several people at the party later tested positive.

A BBMP official said that contacts of all those who had tested positive are being traced. "It is very sad that despite restrictions and stringent norms, people are behaving irresponsibly. It is also shocking that despite being given awareness for over a year, such acts are being reported. Those who have tested positive, have even mild symptoms, or have travelled, should stay in isolation till test reports come. Those who are identified as primary or secondary contacts of a positive person should also isolate themselves till their test reports come. We are now requesting the government to issue orders to seal the homes of all positive people, and their primary and secondary contacts as it will be difficult to check each and every door step on a daily basis," the official said.

The BBMP has also requested locals and resident welfare associations to be proactive and help them out in identifying people who violate norms and bring it to their notice so that action can be taken against them.

PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS

Audience at cinema halls to be limited to half of capacity

Gyms to be closed, including in public parks

Swimming pools, common activity areas in apartments to be closed

Guests at weddings, gatherings in closed spaces to be limited to 100; fines imposed/cases booked for violations

BBMP wants curbs on public gatherings

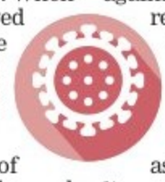
Against the backdrop of irresponsible behaviour and rising cases, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has placed a proposal with the state government regarding the imposition of restrictions in public gatherings. BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad told media on Friday that restrictions have been proposed after an analysis of cases showed that 70% of people testing positive are primary contacts and that 90% of people who test positive are asymptomatic and are not isolating. The positivity rate is 1.36%. He urged people aged above 60 and children below 10 not to step out, and avoid places such as malls and markets. Marshals have been instructed to conduct checks in commercial spaces at random fine people and book cases for violations of norms.

Patient's viscera tests +ve 36 days after death

AJITH M S @ Mysuru

THE curious case of an individual from Mysuru district testing positive for Covid-19 a full 36 days after death, has baffled the scientific community.

The person had tested positive at HD Kote taluk hospital in September 2020. Doctors there advised the person to approach the district hospital in Mysuru for treatment, but the patient returned home. When health officials followed up, it emerged that the person died by suicide and was buried by the family who were unaware of the condition.



Since it was a case of suicide, the police exhumed the body 16 days later and an autopsy was done. The samples reached the CFTRI Covid test lab after 20 days. To the surprise of doctors and scientists, the samples tested positive for the disease 36 days after the person had died. The team included doctors from the Mysuru district Covid hospital, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute as well as scientists from CSIR-Central Food Technology Research Institute.

The case has now emerged as a major finding and has been presented as a scientific paper on medRxiv by Dr Maheshwara Prasad of Mysuru District hospital, and Dr P V Ravindra, in-charge coordinator of the CFTRI Covid-19 testing centre, along with Dr S A Nachappa of CFTRI, Dr S H Byrappa of MMCRI and others.

According to Dr Ravindra, since their finding went against popular findings, they re-ran the test multiple times only to find that the sample tested positive every time by the RT-PCR method. Interestingly, the nasal swab as well as intestine and liver samples returned positive, but not the lung and kidney samples.

"The body was decomposed, but the tests were positive for Covid-19 even 36 days after the burial," he said. Though further studies are needed to ascertain whether the virus can be present in bodies for such a long period, it has raised questions on the observation that the virus does not remain in bodies beyond seven days after death, he added.

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ADVERTISEMENT NO. VSSC-316 DATED 20.03.2021
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क्र.सं./ Sl No.	पद/Post	वेतन स्तर/Pay Level	पद सं./ Post No.	पदों की सं./ No. of Posts
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क्र.सं./ Sl No.	पद/Position	अनिवार्य योग्यताएं/ Essential Qualifications	पदों की सं./ No. of positions	आवेदन की विधा/ Mode of application
1	कनिष्ठ अध्येता/ Junior Research Fellow	विविध विषयों में एम.ई/एम.टेक/एम.एससी की उपाधि M.E/M.Tech/M.Sc. degree in various disciplines.	16	ऑन–लाइन/ On-line
2	वरिष्ठ परियोजना सहयोगी/ Senior Project Associate	भौतिकी/वायुमंडलीय विज्ञान में पीएच.डी + जलवायु/ वायुमंडलीय प्रतिरूपण में अनुभव Ph.D in Physics / Atmospheric Science + Experience in climate / Atmospheric modelling या/OR भौतिकी/वायुमंडलीय विज्ञान में एम.एससी. + जलवायु/ वायुमंडलीय प्रतिरूपण में 4 वर्ष अनुसंधान का अनुभव M.Sc. in Physics / Atmospheric Science + 4 year research experience in climate / Atmospheric modelling	01	
3	शोध सहयोगी/ Research Associate	यांत्रिक इंजीनियरी/रसायनविज्ञान में पीएच.डी Ph.D in Mechanial Engineering / Chemistry	02	केवल ईमेल द्वारा/Through email only

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DEMAND NOTICE
UNDER SUB SECTION (2) OF SECTION 13 OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS & ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED "ACT")

At the request of the under mentioned Borrower, **Mr. Sreekanth Chava,** State Bank of India through its **Kaggadasapura Branch, Bengaluru** has extended a credit facility by way of financial assistance against House property creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The relevant particulars of the said credit facility and the security agreement(s)/document(s) executed by the borrower/mortgagor are furnished in the Demand Notice dated **02.01.2021.** Further, **Mr. Sreekanth Chava,** S/o Mr. Nageswararao Chava has also created mortgage charge over his individual property by way of deposit of original title deeds creating security interest in favour of the Bank. The relevant particulars of the said assets are also specifically furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance / credit facility has become irregular, the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset on **20.12.2020** in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. Demand Notice dated **02.01.2021** u/s 13(2) of the said Act was duly served on the borrower/mortgagor. As some of the envelopes containing the said Demand Notice sent by register AD to the borrower/mortgagor were returned un-served, this notice is now being published in the leading news papers after affixing a copy of the notice at conspicuous place of the residence of the borrower/Mortgagor as per the provisions of the said Act.

Name and Address of the Borrower: Mr. Sreekanth Chava, No.8, Knox Street, Frewville South, Australia – 5063, **Also at:** Flat No.48, Pent House, Crescent Heights Apts., Nellore – 524004.
Office Address: Mr. Sreekanth Chava, Victoria Institute of Technology Pvt. Ltd., No.14/123 Queen St, Melbourne VIC 3000, Australia.
Date of Demand Notice: 02.01.2021
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs.3,60,78,125/- (Rupees Three Crore Sixty Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five Only) as on 28.12.2020 **with interest from** 29.12.2020 **+ incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. thereon.**

Description of the Properties (Secured Assets)
SCHEDULE – 'A' PROPERTY : (ENTIRE PROPERTY)
ITEM NO: 1: All that piece and parcel of Residential Converted land bearing Sy No.60/5, measuring to an extent of 0-31.5 Guntas situated at Devanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore. converted for Residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No. ALN(D)SR259/ 2006-2007 dated 26/10/2009 BY Deputy Commissioner Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore and bounded as follows: East by: Land belongs to Mariyamma, West by: Sy. No.59, North by: Land Belongs to Subbaiah, South by: Land Belongs to Appayanna.
ITEM NO: 2: All that piece and parcel of Residential Converted land bearing Sy No-59, measuring to an extent of 0-14.5 Guntas out of 17.5 Guntas situated at Devanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore. converted for Residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No.ALN(D)SR259/2006-2007 dated 26/10/2009 BY Deputy Commissioner Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore and bounded as follows: East by: Land belongs to Muninarayanappa, West by: Land belongs to Munihanumakka, North by: Doddaballapura Main Road, South by: Land Belongs to Jayamma and Gopal.
ITEM NO: 3: All that piece and parcel of Residential Converted land bearing Sy No.59, measuring to an extent of 0-17.25 Guntas and 34.75 Guntas situated at Devanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore. converted for Residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No.ALN(D)SR259/2006-2007 dated 26/10/2009 by Deputy Commissioner Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore and bounded as follows: East by: Land belongs to Jayamma and Gopal, West by: Land belongs to Muniyappa, North by: Land Belongs to Mumhanumakka, South by: Land Belongs to Narayanappa, Item. No.1,2 and 3 totally measuring 2 Acres 20.75 Guntas out of which only 2 Acres 18 Guntas is converted for residential purpose bearing No ALN(D)SR259/2006-2007 dated 26/10/2009 by Deputy Commissioner Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore.
SCHEDULE – 'B' PROPERTY: (Property conveyed under this Deed) (SITE)
2800 Sq. Ft undivided right, Title, interest in the and comprised in the Schedule-'A' property.
SCHEDULE - 'C' PROPERTY: (Property conveyed under this Deed)
(BUILT UP AREA) : All the Piece and parcel of the Residential **Villa bearing No A-10**, of **"JCN BRUNDHAVANA"** bearing Sy. No.59 and 60/5 situated at Devanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. converted for Residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No.ALN(D)SR259/2006-2007 dated 26/10/2009 and its Ward No.9, Division 1, Municipality Katha No.195/59/60/5 and approved by BIAAPA Plaining authority, Devanahalli vide it's No BIAAPA/TPI /AN/ LAO/10/2015-16/4022, dated 22/01/2016 Constructed on Schedule – 'A' Property, Villa Consisting of Basement 1086 Sq. Ft, Ground Floor 1226 Sq. Ft. First Floor 1226 sq. Ft and second floor 743 Sq. Ft. totally 4281.57 Sq. Ft with Four Bedrooms, a Kitchen, Four Bathrooms, a Dining Hall, Lift, Home theatre Room, Servant Quarters, in a super built up area and with proportionate share in common areas such as passage, lobbies, and other areas of common use in Schedule – 'A' property, separate electricity. The said Villa standing in the name of Mr. Sreekanth Chava, S/o Mr. Nageswararao Chava, vide Sale Deed dated 30.11.2019 and Registered as Document No.DNH-1-08299/2019-20 and CD No.DNHD919 dated 06.12.2019 at SRO, Devanahalli, Bengaluru and bounded on: East by: Entrance Garden, West by: Camanaria Garden, North by: Villa No.11 of 'A' Block, South by: Villa No. 9 of 'A' Block.

If the borrower/mortgagor fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice/publication, the Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 and other applicable provisions of the SARFAESI Act. The borrower/ mortgagor is also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13 of the said Act, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining prior written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to the Bank's rights to initiate such other actions or legal proceedings as it deems necessary under any other applicable Provisions of Law.
The borrower/mortgagor attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.
The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of the Bank and is empowered to issue this notice and exercise powers under section 13 of the said Act.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
SBI, RACPC-III, Banaswadi, Bengaluru

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 19.03.2021

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, **Allan Roshan Jacob,** Partner, M/s. Universal Enterprises (partnership firm), aged major, Plot No.490-F, KIADB 4th phase, Peenya Industrial Area, Bangalore-560058, which has been registered as No.6802, Book 1, before the Sub-Registrar, Banashankari Sub-Registrar, Bangalore do hereby notify that I have lost 2 Agreements dated 10-02-2011, 5-9-2015 executed by the KIADB Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore. And other miscellaneous Xerox copied of my documents. I have also given necessary complaints to the concerned authorities. I request the person who finds the above documents to return back to me in the address:
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Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambareesh urged the government to ensure unscrupulous elements do not adulterate jaggery by using chemicals to make it appear as though it is organic. She urged the government to revive the industry in Mandya district

Members of various pro-farmer organisations light candles to pay tribute to deceased farmers at the Shraddhanjali Samarpana Conference, organised by Aikya Horata Karnataka, in Bengaluru on Friday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

State farmers gear up for 'Kisan Mahapanchayats'

Rakesh Tikait of Bharatiya Kisan Union to be present for first leg

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ALONG the lines of Kisna Mahapanchayats being held in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan and other states across the country, farmer conventions have been announced to be held in various districts of Karnataka.

Karnataka unit of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) on Friday announced that 'Kisan Mahapanchayats' will be held across the state starting Saturday.

"The first leg of the protest will include rallies, marches and mass gatherings at Shivamogga, Haveri, Bengaluru and Hassan and will conclude with a march to Vidhana Soudha on Monday. The second leg will be a Mahapanchayat in Belagavi on March 31," said Kuruburu Shantakumar, president of the Karnataka Cane Growers' Association.

"We expect some 25,000 people to gather at each of our events. BKU leaders like Rakesh Tikait and Yudhuvir Singh will be part of the protests on all three days," Shantakumar said.

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Members of farmer organisations, like Hasiru Sene and Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha, welcomed senior farmer leaders of the SKM, who are on a nationwide tour to mobilise support for the farmers' protest against the Centre's farm laws. The series of protests in Karnataka will be held as a mark of solidarity with farmers protesting along Delhi borders.

On Friday, farmer leaders Jagjit Singh Dallewal, Shivkumar Kakkaji and Manjit Singh Rai were part of a candlelight tribute to all the farmers who have died during more than 100 days of protests at Delhi borders.

The announcement of Kisan Mahapanchayats in Karnataka came on the day the RSS, at its Akhil Bharatiya Pratinidhi Sabha in Bengaluru, said that 'anti-national forces' were ensuring that farmer protests continue.

FARMERS' PROTEST
(MAHAPANCHAYATS IN KARNATAKA)

MARCH 20
March at
Maurya Circle in Bengaluru
Corporation Circle in Tumakuru
Kodi Circle at Tiptur
KMK Circle at Kaduru
Gandhi Circle at Tarikere
Krishnappa Circle at Bhadravati
MRS in Shivamogga
Mahapanchayat at
Science College Grounds, Shivamogga

MARCH 21
Protest march from Shivamogga to Haveri
Mahapanchayat
Haveri Municipal College Grounds

MARCH 22
'Vidhana Soudha Chalo' rally in Bengaluru from Majestic
Public meeting at Freedom Park

CONSENSUS CANDIDATE MAY SUCCEED BHAIYYAJI JOSHI AS RSS GENERAL SECY

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RSS Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat and Sarkaryavah Suresh Bhjaiyyaji Joshi offered floral tributes to the portrait of Bharat Mata, marking the inauguration of the RSS' highest decision-making body, the Akhila Bharatiya Pratinidhi Sabha, at Channenahalli in Western Bengaluru on Friday.

While the buzz is that a new Sarkaryavah will be elected, there is still no clarity on who would succeed Bhaiyyaji Joshi, who has completed four terms of three years each. He has been a Sarkaryavah, or general secretary, since 2009... for the same length of time that Mohan Bhagawat has been Sarsanghchalak.

If Bhaiyyaji Joshi does not get elected again, those in the contention are six joint general secretaries (Sah Sarkaryavahs) — Suresh Soni, Krishna Gopal, Dattatreya Hosabale, Manmohan Vaidya, V Bhagaiah and C R Mukunda. There is also a possibility that the RSS leadership could pick someone else, sources from the organisation said.

While the elections are slated for Saturday, there may not be an election as the next Sarkaryavah could 'arise' by consensus. Considering the tradition of the RSS, there may not be an election with the usual campaigns, voting and results. The winner would be announced by the leadership in a process supervised by Suresh Bhaiyaji Joshi and Mohan Bhagawat by Saturday afternoon, the sources said.

Though normally the Akhila Bharatiya Prathinidhi Sabha is attended by around 1,500 participants, there are only around 450 delegates present at Channenahalli because of Covid restrictions. Asked about who could be the Sarkaryavah, the sources said, "Wait till Saturday afternoon and the results will be out."

> *Akhila Bharatiya Pratinidi Sabha happens every year where we deliberate on the year gone by and plan for the next three years*
>
> Manmohan Vaidya, RSS Sah Sarkaryavah

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat and General Secretary Suresh Bhjaiyyaji Joshi at Akhil Bharatiya Pratinidhi Sabha in Bengaluru | VINOD KUMAR T

12.5 crore people contacted during Ram Mandir fund drive, says RSS

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THE Akhila Bharatiya Pratinidi Sabha, the highest decision-making body of RSS, started its two-day meet on Friday morning and it will elect a new Sarkaryavah (General Secretary) on Saturday. Though around 1,500 delegates participate in such meetings, this time due to Covid the numbers are less than 500, with most participating online.

In March last year, ABPS was cancelled due to the pandemic. This year, it was to be held at Nagpur, as it is done traditionally, but due to increasing Covid cases in Maharashtra, it was shifted to Bengaluru, said Manmohan Vaidya, RSS Sah Sarkaryavah. "The meeting happens every year where we deliberate on the year gone by and plan for the next three years," he added.

As part of the Ram Mandir Nidhi Samarpan campaign, approximately 20 lakh RSS workers reached out to 5,45,737 locations and contacted 12,47,21,000 people, he said. The meet will pass a resolution on the unity expressed in the country during the campaign, he added.

On the nature of discussions at ABPS, Vaidya clarified that no political issues will be discussed. "Any involvement of RSS will be the same as what the Constitution mandates for every citizen," he said.

On the allegation that houses of people who did not donate for Ram Mandir were marked, he clarified that there is no such practice and the allegations are unfounded.

"RSS Swayamsevaks were active throughout the lockdown, helping people. Despite the scare of infection, around 5.7 lakh RSS Karyakartas served at 92,656 locations across the country. Ration was distributed to around 73 lakh needy and food packets were distributed to 4.5 crore people.

"About 90 lakh masks were distributed and more than 60,000 units of blood were donated. Swayamsevaks helped more than 20 lakh migrant workers," he said.

Due to the pandemic, RSS Shakhas and other Sangh events had completely stopped between March and June last year. Shakas gradually resumed only in July. As compared to March last year, most of the shakhas have become active again. In all, 89 per cent of Shakhas have restarted and the remaining will resume gradually. Sangh Shakhas are present in all districts and in about 6,495 taluks. The Sangh network is expanding and in the next three years, the Sangh aims to reach all mandals in the country, he added.

EXPRESS READ

Former minister Krishnappa passes away

Mysuru: Former minister H T Krishnappa (92) died of a massive cardiac arrest on Friday. Krishnappa was elected three times from Nagamangala constituency and had served as a minister twice. He passed away at his Basaveshwaranagar residence and was brought to his native place to be cremated on his farm near Herikere. Adichuncahanagiuri Mutt Seer Nirmalananda Swamiji, MLA Suresh Gowda and others were present. He was laid to rest with full state honours. ENS

Reservation not needed for affluent: Vishwanath

Mysuru: BJP MLC A H Vishwanath, who is leading the Kuruba stir for ST tag, said that reservation is not required for the well off people. Defending the Kuruba stir, he said they are fighting for the the poor in the community. Referring to BJP MP V Srinivasa Prasad opposing ST reservation for Kurubas, he shot back saying, "I, Siddaramaiah, MTB Nagraj and K S Eshwarappa are not asking reservation. Is there a need for a reservation for the children of Srinivasa Prasad, Mallikarjuna Kharge and Govind Karjol?" ENS

IN JUDGMENT

MLAs discuss activism in judiciary

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LEGISLATORS from across parties opposed "judicial activism" and discussed reforms and corruption in the judiciary on the floor of the Assembly on Friday.

Former Speaker and Congress MLA K Ramesh Kumar said, "This could be because when we (legislators) fail to execute our responsibilities, judiciary steps in. It is an independent body. Sometimes it becomes a controlling body."

Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the legislature, executive and judiciary, the three pillars of democracy, have been repeatedly put to test in the last 72 years. "In the 1970s, there was tinkering in the judicial system as there was more power to legislature and executive. We are lawmakers. Laws are ambiguous. If we correct this, interference will reduce," he said.

Large and Medium-Scale Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar said, "Though I have a great respect for the judiciary, many retired Supreme Court judges have spoken about corruption in the judiciary, which is disturbing. But no one talks about corruption fearing contempt."

BJP MLAs said that the government releases funds to build courts, but judges do not invite legislators. "They see us as thieves. Legislators pass the budget which includes judges' salaries. Even then they look down on us," said Araga Jnanendra said.

KGF to get biggest industrial township in state

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KOLAR Gold Fields (KGF) in Kolar district will get one of the biggest industrial townships in Karnataka, Large and Medium Scale Industries Minister Jagadish Shettar said here on Friday.

The State Government is doing a drone survey of 3,212 acres of land that belonged to Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML), along with 967 acres which were with BEML Ltd.

Responding to KGF MLA Roopakala M, who raised the issue of taking back land allotted to BEML, Shettar said the State

government had given 1,870 acres to BEML, of which 967 acres were lying unused, and which the government took back. BGML had taken over 12,000 acres for gold mining, but not used 3,212 acres, he said.

"Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa had written to Union Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi to hand over 3,212 acres to the State government. They had convened a meeting and decided on a land survey, which is being done using drones. If the land identified is not suitable for mineral exploitation, we can use it for the township," Shettar said.

The wastelands of KGF, synonymous with British miners, the Champion Reef and the Anglo-Indian ghost town, have been the subject of many books and documentaries.

Sources from the departments of Industries and Mines and Geology said they are assessing the presence of any natural resources, and if the land does not have any, the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board will develop it into an industrial park.

He said if the State government gets 4,185 acres, they will convert them into industrial township layouts. In the new industrial policy, the government is focusing on attracting investors to tier-2 and tier-3 cities, and generating more jobs.

Approval for conversion of land up to 10 cents must be decentralised: MLAs

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BJP legislators on Friday demanded that the State Government should decentralise the authority to grant approvals for conversion of agriculture land up to 10 cents for construction of houses.

Raising the issue in the Council, Udupi MLA Raghupathy Bhat said that it has been two years since the Udupi Urban Development Authority approved the conversion of land for residential purposes, but it is pending before the Town Planning Authority of Urban Development Authority in Bengaluru.

"This is systemic corruption. We have passed the resolution and sent it to UDD, but nothing has been done. We even met Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, who assured us of a solution, but there is still a status quo. We are the ruling party and we cannot sit on dharnas like Opposition parties. . Where are we supposed to go? Poor people are made to run around for conversion of even small plots," he added.

K G Bopaiah, another BJP MLA from Virajpet in Kodagu, said that most of the applications are from poor people seeking conversion of small plots to construct houses.

"At least 2,000 such applications are pending. These people do not get loans from banks if the land is not converted," he added.

Abhay Patil, BJP MLA from Belgavi, said the conversion of land is a big racket. "Many people are waiting for their applications to be cleared. This has to be probed," he added.

Congress MLA K Ramesh Kumar sought a uniform policy where such approvals can be granted by the local body.

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SAND AT ₹200 PER TONNE FOR POOR IN NEW POLICY

Bengaluru: The State Government is planning to supply sand at ₹200 per tonne to economically weaker sections, according to the new sand policy being proposed. This is to ensure that the poor get good quality sand to construct houses, said Mines and Geology Minister Murugesh Nirani. "Under the new policy, we are planning to provide sand at Rs 200 per tonne to those who are constructing houses under the Ashraya scheme or any other building within Rs 10 lakh at panchayat limits. Now, we allow people to source sand from rivers and lake bunds and we have identified 193 places. People can use this only for domestic, and not commercial, purpose," he added. JDS MLA CN Balakrishna raised the sand issue and alleged that at many places, soil from lake bunds is filtered and supplied as sand. "This sand is not of good quality and buildings constructed with it may collapse easily. There is no one to monitor this," he added. Nirani replied, "Recently, we suspended two officials for not taking action in a similar case." ENS

JDS members protest in the Legislative Council in Bengaluru on Friday | EXPRESS

Council adjourned amid demand for House panel

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THE Legislative Council was adjourned till Monday, following a protest by JDS members on Friday, demanding a House committee probe into alleged irregularities in sanctioning licences to dental and allied health sciences (AHS) colleges in 2020-21.

JDS MLCs had protested over the issue on Thursday too. As soon as proceedings started, they entered the well of the House, demanding a House committee. Chairman Basavaraj Horatti asked how he can hold proceedings if they continue to protest. When members suggested an adjourning the House, the Chairman called leaders of all parties to his chamber, and adjourned proceedings.

After the House reconvened, JDS members continued to protest. Horatti asked Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar to list the steps the government had taken.

Sudhakar said licences were sanctioned to institutions after a thorough examination at three levels. "After I took charge, we issued guidelines for all institutions. They have to geo-mark institutions, have biometric attendance, install CCTVs in exam halls and upload marks cards online. Also, committees have been formed to address students' complaints," he said.

He also said the previous governments have sanctioned licences to institutions, and nobody had demanded a House committee probe. "Institutions belonging to legislators on the other side (Opposition) have also been issued licences in 2020-21. The committee will examine the quality of all nursing colleges and submit a report. If it is not satisfactory, we will form a three-member expert committee," he added.

Referring to steps taken by the government, JDS MLC Marithibbegowda alleged they were done to make money. This led to a heated debate between ruling and Opposition members. Opposition leader SR Patil said most members were in favour of a House committee and demanded a division of votes. Ruling party members objected, forcing an adjournment till Monday.

While the Kodagu district administration is strictly checking people at the Kerala border to contain the spread of Covid-19, fake RT-PCR certificates have been posing a challenge to officials. Hence, staffers from the revenue, health and police departments have been appointed at the checkposts 24/7.

SIT questions Jarkiholi again, no major clues yet

Woman in CD may appear before team soon, has been issued three notices so far

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A day after journalist Naresh Gowda released a video statement, the SIT on Friday questioned BJP leader **Ramesh Jarkiholi** in connection with the sleaze CD case. Ramesh's statement was recorded earlier by SIT, after he had filed a case before Sadashivanagar police a week ago.

A senior officer with SIT said, "We had issued summons to Jarkiholi to appear before the investigation officer, and he was questioned for about three hours on Friday. He has revealed some important information, and we may have to question him again if investigation demands."

According to SIT sources, the information given by the former minister cannot be revealed at this stage. He was interrogated by the technical team of SIT. Meanwhile, the SIT issued notices to four more persons in connection with the case. A senior officer told reporters that the woman seen in the CD is likely to appear before SIT in a couple of days. The SIT has issued three notices to the woman and her family.

A senior officer said a team has been searching for Naresh Gowda after he released a video statement, and gathered information on where he uploaded the video on Thursday. The team went to New Delhi, based on a tip-off, and also questioned some of his relatives about his whereabouts.

In all, 40 officials, including DCPs and ACPs, are investigating the case, and so far, no crucial evidence has been found. Six of the suspects who were in SIT custody, were sent home on Friday and asked to appear in a couple of days. SIT also warned them not to leave the city until investigations are complete. Their friends were also questioned on Friday, sources said.

The SIT also verified the bank account details of the person who had handed over the CD to social activist Dinesh Kallahalli in Gandhinagar. But SIT found no money transactions in this account in the past few months.

FOR THE COMMON MAN

SUCI members and activists hold a protest march against the increase in prices of petrol, diesel and LPG cylinders, in Bengaluru on Friday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

Fire breaks out in furniture godown

Bengaluru: A fire broke out at a furniture godown in Chamarajpet on Friday and goods worth a few lakhs of rupees were gutted. However, no casualties were reported. A senior police officer said that the fire broke out early morning at Royal Furniture on Mysuru Road. Passersby saw the fire and alerted the fire and emergency personnel. Chamarajpet police conducted spot mahazar and based on a preliminary probe, they said a short circuit caused the fire. **ENS**

IMA case: Nimbalkar off the hook as HC quashes FIR, sanction for prosecution

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PROVIDING relief to IPS officer **Hemant Nimbalkar** in the IMA case, the Karnataka High Court on Friday quashed the sanction accorded by the government to prosecute him under provisions of the Karnataka Police Act and Prevention of Corruption Act.

The court also quashed the FIR registered by the CBI, and order passed by the Special Court, taking cognisance of an additional chargesheet filed against him by the CBI. The ruling has come as a major setback to the CBI.

Allowing the petition filed by Nimbalkar, Justice John Michael Cunha quashed the FIR, sanction accorded and cognisance taken by the Special Court, on the grounds that the allegations are bald and not supported by any material.

"The allegations, even if accepted as true, do not constitute the ingredients of Section 420 or 405 IPC under the provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act, against the petitioner. Moreover, the very inquiry initiated against him being without authority of law, is in violation of protection granted to the petitioner under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act. Hence, sanction accorded to prosecute him is itself illegal and invalid," Justice Cunha said.

Nimbalkar had challenged the criminal proceedings against him on the ground that he has been selectively named as an accused. His superior and subordinate officers are not arraigned as accused.

The DCP, Bengaluru City, the competent authority who failed to take action under the KPID Act, had not been prosecuted, and therefore, prosecuting him is malafide, vindictive and ulteriorly motivated, his plea said. More so, he was not the person to initiate action under the Act, he claimed, while challenging the sanction to prosecute him.

In a counter, the CBI charged that public servants, including Nimbalkar, were reluctant to take action against Mohammed Mansoor Khan, proprietor, I-Monetary Advisory, and other IMA Group of entities and its directors, having allegedly received illegal gratification. The agency had filed a chargesheet before the Special Court on October 15, 2020, arraigning Nimbalkar as accused No. 25. Nimbalkar was fifth accused, among 11 persons booked by the CBI under provisions of the IPC as well as Prevention of Corruption Act.

KANGANA TWEET ROW: HC SENDS NOTICE TO POLICE

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE Karnataka High Court on Friday issued notice to the state police on the petition filed by Bollywood actor **Kangana Ranaut** questioning an order passed by the trial court in Tumakuru, to register an FIR and conduct investigation on a private complaint filed by an advocate, for her alleged objectionable tweets against the farmers protesting the Centre's contentious three farm laws.

Hearing Kangana's petition, Justice HP Sandesh issued notice to the Kyathsandra police and Tumakuru-based advocate L Ramesh Naik, who had filed the private complaint against the actor.

Acting on the private complaint, the Principal Civil Judge (Junior Division) and JMFC-II in Tumakuru, passed the order for an FIR to be registered against Kangana and the allegations be investigated.

Kangana's counsel prayed the court to provide her interim protection, saying that the police issued body warrant.

Countering this, Naik requested the court to ask the petitioner's counsel to serve the copy of the petition.

Then the court said that interim protection will be considered on March 25, 2021, the next date of hearing, and asked the petitioner's counsel to serve the copy on the complainant.

Kyathsandra police had registered the FIR on October 12, last year.

It may be noted that on September 21, 2020, the Bollywood actor had tweeted about the farmers' protests, after which Naik had filed the complaint alleging that the tweet could disturb the peace in society and hurt the sentiments of thousands of protesting farmers, who are the backbone of the country.

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KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

Short Term Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tenders through E-procurement from the eligible contractors who are empanelled in Karnataka Housing Board & also willing to empanel in KHB.

Name of work : Renovation/Upgradation works for existing Government first grade college under RUSA scheme at Srinivasapura, Kolar district (GFGC-package-V)

- Tender reference Number : **KHB/2020-21/BD/WORK_INDENT 801 & IFT No. 129/2020-21/ Date: 16-03-2021**
- Amount put to tender – **Rs. 23,84,546/-**
- Last date for submission of bid - **01-04-2021 up to 4.00 PM**

For further information, contact below mentioned office address:
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru
Phone No. 080-22273511 / 080-22100077
web site : https://khb.karnataka.gov.in, https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client is in the process of transacting with the landowners of the properties mentioned herein below (details provided in the table below) situated at Chikkanagamangala Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, more fully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the **'Schedule Property'**.

Any person having any right, title, claim or interest in the Schedule Property must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof within 15 days of this publication. In case no such notice is received by us within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, it shall be presumed that the title of the landowners in relation to their respective ownership of the Schedule Property is clear, marketable and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever and no person has any right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever in the Schedule Property or any part thereof. Claims or alleged interest, if any, which are not received within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice shall be deemed to have been waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the plots detailed below situated at **Chikkanagamangala Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District.**

Sl. No.	Survey No.	Land Extent Acres	Land Extent Guntas	LAND OWNER	Boundaries
1.	53/3	00	23 (including 1 guntas Kharab land)	**M/s. Akarshak Realty Private Limited**, having its registered office at No.10, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore-560001.	**E:** Property in Sy. No: 54; **W:** Property in Sy. No: 52; **N:** Property in Sy. No: 53/2; **S:** Property in Sy. No: 53/4.
2.	37/1	01	03		**E:** Land in Sy. No: 38; **W:** Land in Sy.No.49/1B; **N:** Land in Sy. No:39; **S:** Land in Sy. No.37/2
3.	37/2	00	12		**E:** Land in Sy. No: 38/3; **W:** Land in Sy. No:84; **N:** Land in Sy. No:37/1; **S:** Land in Sy. No:37/3;
4.	38/3	00	09		**E:** Land in Sy. No:38/2; **W:** Land in Sy. Nos:37/2 and 37/3; **N:** Land in Sy. No:38/1; **S:** Land in Sy. No: 36.
5.	49/1A	01	21	**RD Buildtech and Developers (Karnataka) Private Limited** ("RD Buildtech"), is the power of attorney holder;	**E:** Property in Sy. No: 49/2 and 49/1B; **W:** Property in Sy. No: 50/1; **N:** Property in Sy. No: 52 & 53/4; **S:** Property in Sy. No:49/1A;
6.	49/1A1	00	13	**RD Buildtech and Developers (Karnataka) Private Limited** ("RD Buildtech"), is the power of attorney holder;	**E:** Property in Sy. No: 49/1B; **W:** Property in Sy. No:50/1; **N:** Property in Sy. No: 49/1A; **S:** Property in Sy. No: 50/2.

Malini Raju, Partner, J. Sagar Associates,
Advocates and Solicitors
Level-3, Prestige Obelisk, 3, Kasturba Road, Bangalore-560001. Ph: 080 4350 3600
Place : Bangalore **Date :** 20-03-2021

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I, **Srinivas Murthy .A**, S/o Adavappa, R/at No. #28/1, 3rd Cross, 13th Main, Vijayanagar Bengaluru-560040, I have lost my Original sale deed bearing doc No.3603/1977-78 on dated 16.01.1978, While waiting for bus in Byappanahalli busstop travelling to Vijayanagar.

If Any person/Institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims along-with Supporting document shall be filed with undersigned within **7 days** from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

DEEPA .A.M, Advocate
No.6, Bhumika, 80 feet Road, Chandra Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned hereby inform the publics that the GIFT DEED dated 06-08-2019 executed by my mother RANI PHLOMINA in favour of me and my sister Smt. DEEPA .L in respect of Site No. 64 in Sy.No. 18, of Jarakabande Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West 14 feets, North to South 15 feets BOUNDED ON EAST BY: RANJAM HOUSE, WEST BY: JAYARAM HOUSE, NORTH BY: AMARAN HOUSE, SOUTH AMBEDKAR SANGHA, registered as DOCUMENT No. BYP-1-03894-2019-20, CD No. BYPD424, Book-I, dated 06-08-2019, REGD. IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUB REGISTRAR, GANDHINAGAR (BYATARAYANAPURA) has been lost and the same is not traceable. If anybody in case found the said document, please send to the undersigned address. If will not trace the said documents to anybody, I will to do further acts, deeds and things in respect of the said property.

GEORGE ANTO S/o Michael,
No. 14, Rajanna Building, Abbigere Main Road, Kammagondanahalli, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru-560015. Mobile: 7411895738.
Date : 20.03.2021

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd.(IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of Demand Notice and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Mr. Niraz T K, Mrs. Jeniffaf Zuhara Sathar, **(Prospect No. 806655)**	**16-March-2021 Rs. 18,98,295/-** (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Ninety Eight Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Five Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being : SY No. 157 & 173, Flat- B311, admeasuring 692 sq. ft., 3rd Floor, Tower B East Wing, Emprasa Startup City, Kambalipura Village, Sulibele Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural, 562114, Karnataka, India

If the said Borrowers fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act, and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers.
For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at Branch Office :IIFL HFL "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025 /or Corporate Office : IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.
Place: Bangalore Date: 20.03.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, KOPPAL
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, KOPPAL
NO.RWS/Dn//KPL//NRDWP/2020-21/2302 Date:17.03.2021

E-PROCURMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION
Double Cover System

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & sanitation Division, Koppal Invites e-Tender for Jal Jeevan Mission The eligible bidders are requested to submit the Bid in Double Cover System through e-procurement mode through portol http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

General Information: 1) Contractor should Submit the Tender Bid Documents Through Online Only. 2) All Documents Should be Scanned and Upload during the period of Applying Tender through Online Only. 3) EMD Amount Should be Submitted Through Online Only. 4) Two Cover Tender Called.

If any More Information Contractor should Contact this office or wide email id:eerwsskpl@gmail.com in Office Hours and Tenders will be Download from 20/03/2021

Tender Processing Fee : As Per E-Procurement. Tender Period: **6 Months.** If Any Quarries / Downloading Date : **25/03/2021 Time: 11:00.** Tender Accepting Last Date and Time : **30/03/2021 Time 16:00.** Tehnical Bid Openng Date and Time : **31/03/2021 Date:17:00**

If any More Information Contractor should Contact this office or wide email id:eerwsskpl@gmail.com in Office Hours and also through Website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- (S.M.Subhan Saheb), Executive Engineer
R.D.W & S .Division, Koppal
DIPR/Koppal/487/MCA/2019-20

BRUHAT BANGALORE MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwari Nagara Division, BBMP Office, Near Chowdeshwari Bus Stop, Mathikere, Bangalore-54.

No.: EE/RRND/Tend/18/2020-21 Date: 19-03-2021

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT)
Single Cover Tender (SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION)

(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwari Nagara Division, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible contractors for the below mentioned works.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimate Cost (Rs. in lakh)
1	Comprehensive development and maintenance of Roads and Drains in Bahubalingarara main roads and cross roads in Ward No.16 Jalahalli. **(Others)**	40.00
2	Comprehensive development and maintenance of Roads and Drains in Sharadamba nagara main roads and cross roads in Ward No.16 Jalahalli. **(ST Category)**	40.00
3	Comprehensive development and maintenance of Roads and Drains in Jalahalli village and surrounding areas in Ward No.16 Jalahalli. **(Others)**	40.00
4	Construction and maintenance of culverts in Nagarabhavi surrounding area in Kottigepalya Ward No.73. **(Others)**	15.00
5	Development of road and drain near Govindaraju House 11th Block in Kottigepalya Ward No.73. **(Others)**	30.00
6	Drilling Borewell and pipeline works in Kottigepalya Ward No.73. **(SC Category)**	30.00
7	Development of road at Premanagara in Kottigepalya Ward No.73. **(Others)**	50.00
8	Supply of Drinking water and maintenance work at Premnagara Kempegowda Layout in Kottigepalya Ward No.73. **(Others)**	35.00
9	Maintenance of Library and Auditorium at 11th Block in Kottigepalya Ward No.73. **(SC Category)**	25.00
10	Development of Road at Malagala in Kottigepalya Ward No.73. **(Others)**	30.00
11	Dismantling and Re-construction of Culverts in Ward No.160. **(Others)**	50.00
12	Maintenance and repairs to Footpaths in Ward No.160 Rajarajeshwari nagar. **(Others)**	10.00
13	Emergency works in Ward No.160 Rajarajeshwari nagar. **(SC Category)**	30.00
14	Community Property maintenance (including parks) in Yeshwanthpura in Ward No.37 **Call-2 (Others)**	10.00

Tenders must be accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit in the form of Declaration as specified in the Tender Document as per G.O. No.: FD 675 Expenditure-12/2020 Dated: 22.12.2020.

Calendar of Events: (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 01.04.2021. (2)** Last Date & Time for submission of tenders online through e-Procurement: **23.04.2021 upto 4.00 PM. (3)** Date of opening of Tenders: **23.04.2021 at 4.00 PM.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Rajarajeshwari Nagara Division

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PUBLIC NOTICE

MY Client **Mrs. VANI. B** W/o Mr. PRAKASH YADAV. G Resident at No. 170, MEI Colony, 3rd Cross,10th Main Peenya 3rd Phase, Bangalore -560058. Intend to purchase the agricultural Land described in the schedule from NARASIMHAIAH S/o MUNISHAMAPPA Residing at kempathimmanahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore rural - 562110.

Any Person Having right, title, claims, decree, demand, attachments, court orders etc., requested to title their objections along with the documentary proof either in person through RPAD to the undersigned within **7 days** from the date of public notice failing which my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction assuming that there are no claims against the schedule property the objections received after the stipulated shall not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All That Part and Parcel of agricultural land bearing **Sy No. 11/4** Measuring to an Extent of 0-10 Gunta situated at **Mudiganahalli Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist** and bounded:
East by : Land belongs to M. Mahesh
West by : Land belongs to self reaming land
North by : Government Road
South by : Land Belongs to Hanumantharayappa

K.V. Jayaram, B.Sc.,LL.B. Advocate,
No 23, Elite Rose Layout, Devanahally - Sulibele Road, Devanahally Town, Bangalore Rural Dist
email : kvjayaramadvocate@gmail.com
M : 9845680656
Place : Devanahalli Date : 19-03-2021

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Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd.,
Head Office : B.H. Road, Tumkur-572103, Karnataka,
Phone : 0816-2257636 / 4021102-103, Fax : 0816-2255905,
Email : tgmcb_ho@hotmail.com, tgmcb.ho@gmail.com, Website : tgmcbank.com,

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF CHAPTER III OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002.

At their request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its below mentioned branches. The relevant particulars of the property on which they have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon them, was un-served/ not acknowledged / addressee left / this publication is now issued.

1.Name and Address of the Borrower: 1) M/s. Rudra Investments Pvt Ltd., Represented By Its Directors A) Sri Hombanna S P B) Sri Suresh V S C) Sri Jagadeesh R 95, Link Road, 2nd Main Road, Padmashree Apartments, Seshadripuram, Bangalore - 560020 **2) Sri. Jagadeesh** S/o N Ramaiah, No.310, 6th Main Road, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bangalore - 560086 **3) Sri. Suresh V S** S/o Murthy, Door No. 1178, 22nd A Cross, 23rd Main, B S K 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560070 **4) Sri Hombanna S P** S/o Padmaraj, No. 507/5, 9th Cross, Opp. Yogashala, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore - 560080.

(Details of hypothecated assets and Details of mortgaged properties of the borrower): Description of the property of M/S Rudra Investments Pvt Ltd., : All that Piece and Parcel of the Commercial Property Super built up area of 17,100 Sq Ft in Stilt floor bearing BBMP Khatha No.13 and its PID No. 1-77-13 situated at HMT Factory Main Road, Ward No.1 H.M.T Bangalore. And Bounded on East : Jalahalli Village Road. West: HMT Land & Building. North : HMT Factory Property. South : HMT Factory Main Road.

Account Number : 30304416864 Limit: Rs. 5,00,00,000/-

Out Standing Loan Amount :- Rs.4,98,87,509/- (Rupees Four Crore Ninty Eight Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred And Nine Only) as on **Dt.28.02.2021** together with further interest thereon with effect from Dt.**01.03.2021** at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realization.

Date of NPA: 14.11.2019 **Demand Notice dtd: 16.03.2021** **Branch : Rajajinagar Branch, Bangalore**

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (2) of the section 13 of SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section (13) of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtained written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date : 19.03.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **TUMKUR GRAIN MERCHANTS CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division, Dasarahalli Zone, MEI Layout, Bagalagunte, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bengaluru-560073

No.: BBMP/DZ/EE/PD/TEND/04/2020-21 Date: 19-03-2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Two Cover System) (Through GoK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Project Division, Dasarahalli Zone, BBMP, Bengaluru invites **Item Rate** tenders from eligible contractors/firms for the below mentioned work/services.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approximate Value of work/Service (Rs. in lakh)	EMD (in Rs)
1	Providing Data Entry Operators / Computer Operators for offices at Dasarahalli Zone, BBMP	99.80	2,00,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GoK e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in (2)** Last date for tender queries : **29.03.2021 upto 3.00 PM. (3)** Date of Pre-bid Meeting : **30.03.2021 at 11.00 AM at The Office of the Chief Engineer, Dasarahalli Zone, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bengaluru-560073. (4)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **03.04.2021 upto 4.00 PM. (5)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid: **05.04.2021 at 4.30 PM. (6)** Date of Opening of Financial Bid: **After Technical Bid Approval.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Division, Dasarahalli Zone

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PUBLIC NOTICE
TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to inform the General Public that following share certificate of **LUPIN LIMITED** having its Registered Office at **Kalpataru Inspire 3rd Floor off Western Express Highway Santacruz (East) Mumbai 400055** registered in the name of the following Share holder/s have been lost by them.

Sr No.	Name of the Shareholder/s	Folio No.	Certificate No./s	Distinctive Number/s	No. of Shares
1.	UMADEVI J. G.	00028237	7985	993801 - 993850	50

The Public are hereby cautioned against purchasing or dealing in any way with the above referred share certificates.

Any person who has any claim in respect of the said share certificate/s should lodge such claim with the company or its Registrar and Transfer Agents **Link Intime India Private Limited 247 Park , C- 101, 1st Floor, L.B.S. Marg, Vikroli (W) Mumbai - 400083** within 15 days of publication of this notice after which no claim will be entertained and the Company shall proceed to issue Duplicate Share Certificate/s.

Place : Bangalore
Date : 20.03.2021

UMADEVI J. G.
Name of the Legal Claimant

Can Fin Homes Ltd

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK)

1st Floor, Raja Rao Complex
Tippu Sultan Road, Devanahalli-562 110.
Ph: 080-27682007, Mob: 7625079177
E-Mail Id: devanahalli@canfinhomes.com
CIN No: L85110KA1987PLC008699

Devanahalli Branch

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)] [For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **04.09.2019** calling upon the borrowers **Mr. R.S VENKATARAMANA AND Mrs. M.RADHAMMA** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.21,91,297/-** and interest from 04.09.2019 to till date of final payment within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on the **15th day of MARCH 2021.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CFHL for an amount of **Rs.21,91,297/-** and interest thereon .

Description of immovable property

Residential Property situated at NORTHERN Portion of Site No.25, Katha No.693/170/25, Property No.170,old property No.16, Kannur village Bidarahalli hobli Bangalore East taluk measuring, North to South 20ft and East to West 30ft totally 600 sft and bounded by: **East by:** Road,**West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Private Property, **South by :** Remaining portion of the same site no.25

Sd/-
Date : 19.03.2021
Place : Devanahalli

Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd

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RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION

Dy.CEE/RE/PGT invites e-Tenders against Tender Notice No.RE/PGT/ELEC/TDGL/27/OT-4 closing time and date **15.00 hrs.** on **16.04.2021**. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids upto closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offers received shall be ignored.

1 : e-Tender Notice No : e-Tender No.RE/PGT/ELEC/TDGL/27/OT-4

2. Name of the work with its location : Electrification of Staff Quarters (TYPE II-24 Nos. TYPE-III-24 Nos., TYPE IV-8 Nos.) and IPS rooms at various LC's in Salem-Vriddhachalam-Cuddalore port Section, Palakkad-Pollachi-Dindigul Section, Pollachi-Podanur Section & Shoranur-Nilambur Section in connection with Railway Electrification Project under RE/PGT in the state of Kerala & Tamilnadu-**Tamilnadu, Kerala & Puducherry.**

3. Approximate cost of the work : Rs.1,08,04,295.50 (Rupees One Crore Eight Lakhs Four Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Five and Fifty Paise only)

4. Cost of tender document : Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) through online payment.

5. Address of the office : Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, Railway Electrification, Palakkad, Kerala - 678 009.

6. Earnest Money : Nil. (Bid securing declaration to be submitted in prescribed format)

7. Completion period of the work : 09 (Nine) months.

8. Date of Commencement of Tender Document : Uploaded on 17.03.2021

9. Tender Closing date & time : 16.04.2021 at **15.00 hrs.**

10. Validity of the offer : 90 (ninety) days

11. Website particulars where complete details of tender can be seen/downloaded : www.ireps.gov.in

Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer,
Railway Electrification Palakkad,
Kerala.

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BEFORE THE KARNATAKA STATE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION, BASAVA BHAVAN, BANGALORE-560001.
Complaint No. 182 /2020

Complainant: 1. Srinivas Bandi S/o Bandi Rajamouli, aged about 34 years, R/a No.47/48, Venkateshwara Building, 2nd Cross, 18th Main, Narayana Gowda Layout, BTM 1st stage, Bengaluru-560076. (By Shri/Smt. Ayantika Mandal)

Opposite Parties: 1. K. Surendra, aged about 63 years, S/o Late G. Krishna Reddy, R/a No. 103, 20th Cross, K.R. Layout, J.P. Nagar 6th phase, Bengaluru-560078. **2. Kiran,** aged about 38 years, S/o K. Surendra, R/a No. 103, 20th Cross, K.R. Layout, J.P. Nagar 5th phase, Bengaluru-560078. **3. M/s Prabhavathi Builders & Developers Pvt. Ltd.,** Regd. office at: No. 27/89, 4th B Cross, 30th Main, BTM 2nd stage, Bengaluru-560076. **Also office at:** No.80, 2nd floor, 1st cross, 2nd Main, Vysya bank, Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sanga Layout, Near Reliance Fresh, BTM 2nd stage, Bengaluru-76. **Also office at:** No.105, 9th Main, SR Naidu layout, Opp. to Golden Park Apartment, Hongasandra, Bengaluru-560068.

Rep. by its Authorised Representative Praveen Kumar, aged about 34 years, S/o Eksamberam Flat No.P1, Daya MK Santra Magan place, 2 Apartment, Hulimavu, Bengaluru-560056

NOTICE TO THE OPPOSITE PARTY (UNDER SECTION 47 OF THE AMENDED CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT. 2019) FOR HEARING OF COMPLAINT IN DAILY ENGLISH NEWS PAPER "THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS"

Whereas, the complainant has filed the above complaint against you, under section 17 of the Consumer Protection Act claiming compensation (Notice is issued under Section 47 of the amended act, 2019)You are hereby notified to appear before this Hon'ble Commission in person or through a pleader or person authorized as per law to answer all the material question of facts and law relating to the Complaint on **FIFTH DAY OF APRIL TWO THOUSAND TWENTY ONE (05/04/2021)** at 11.00 AM.

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned above complaint will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under the hand and seal of this Commission on this 15th day of March 2021.

By order of the Commission, ASST. REGISTRAR-CUM-ASST. ADMN. OFFICER K.S.C.D.R.C, BANGALORE-560001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Sri B.V. Prasad and Smt. Suma Prasad jointly are intending to purchase the property more fully described under the Schedule to this notice from its owner Sri Prashanth Gopal Hukkeri son of late Gopal DattatreyaHukkeri, residing at #No.161, New No.20, 1st Cross, 12th Main Road, Vasanthanagar, Bangalore – 560 052, Property bearing Old No.161, New No.20, measuring East-West: 42 feet and North-South: 26 feet, totally measuring 1092 Sq. Ft. with BBMP PID No.78-85-20 for a valuable consideration. Anybody who has/have got any claims whatsoever over the schedule property may lodge their respective objections/claims within **FIFTEEN** days from the date of publication of this notice to the undersigned. If no objections/claims are received from anybody within **FIFTEEN** days, my clients will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property and any objections/ claims received subsequent to the above period will not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Northern portion of property bearing Old No.161, New No.20, 1st Cross, 12th Main Road, Vasanthanagar, Bangalore – 560 052 with BBMP PID No.78-85-20, measuring East-West: 42 Feet and North-South: 26 feet, totally measuring 1092 Sq. Ft. and bounded on the:

EAST BY : Road,
WEST BY : Private Property bearing No.1/1,
NORTH BY : Road and
SOUTH BY : Property bearing Old No.162.

K. KRISHNASWAMY, Advocate
No. 2, 1st Cross, Vasanthanagar,
Bangalore-560 052. M: 9243404808
Date: 18-03-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intend to buy the property mentioned in the schedule here below from its owners 1). Mr. Manjunath S, S/o. Mr. J N Satyanarayan and 2). Mrs. H K Geetha Rani, W/o. Mr. Manjunath S, both are residing at No.962, 2nd Main, Vijayanagar, Bangalore – 560 040 and if anyone has got any claim or right over the same may be pleased to intimate me within in **10 days** of this public notice failing which my client will proceed to buy the same and if any one comes with a claim after the execution of sale deed my clients will not be responsible for the same.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.57, measuring east to west 60 feet and north to south 40 feet and totally measuring about 2400 Sq. feet, comprised in a layout formed in property bearing BBMP Khatha No.9/10/17/1-1, carved out of converted Sy. No.17/1, {converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide Conversion No. ALN (NAY)SR:296/2007-08, dated 17/11/2008 passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore}, situated at Ananthapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on:

East by : Site No.58, **West by :** Road,
North by : Site No.56, **South by :** Road.

Mariappa M S B.AL., LLB, ADVOCATE
Chambers: Mariappa M S & Associates
No. 7 3rd Floor, Kasturi Apartment,
Shanthinagar, Bangalore – 560 025.
Mob: 9448215941

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client is in the process of negotiating to transact with Sri.B.Venkataramanappa S/o Beerappa with respect to land bearing Survey No.48/2 measuring 38½ guntas, situated at Gattahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, more fully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the '**Schedule Property**'.

Any person having any right, title, claim or interest in the Schedule Property must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof within **15 days** of this publication. In case no such notice is received by us within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, it shall be presumed that the title of the Land owner in relation to his respective ownership of the Schedule Property is clear, marketable and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever and no person has any right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever in the Schedule Property or any part thereof. Claims or alleged interest, if any, which are not received within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice shall be deemed to have been waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Sy.No.48/2 measuring 38 ½ Guntas, situated at Gattahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and bounded as follows :

East by : Road,
West by : Kaluve,
North by : Land bearing Sy.no.48/3 owned by Smt.Vijaya,
South by : Land bearing Sy.no.48/1 owned by Sri.Muniyappa.

MALINI RAJU, Partner
J. Sagar Associates,
Advocates and Solicitors,
Level 3, Prestige Obelisk, No.3, Kasturba Road, Bangalore-560 001.
Ph: 080-4350 3686

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Our client/s intend to purchase the **Item No.1** of Schedule Property from its owner **Mr.R.Srinivas,** S/o.Late.Chikka Ramaiah, and **Item No.2 & 3** of Schedule Properties from its owner **Mrs.Usha Rani,** W/o.Mr.R.Srinivas, both are residing at Nayanahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District. If anybody has Objection for the sale of Item No.1, 2 & 3 of Schedule Property, may write to the undersigned within 7 (seven) days from the date of this Publication with documentary proof. Non-receipt of objection/s, our client/s presume that there is/are no objection/s from any person/s and proceed to complete the sale transaction. Objections if any received thereafter, is not binding upon our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: Sy.No.163/8, measuring **1 (one) Acre 11 (eleven) Guntas,** bounded on the:

East by : Sy.No.163/9 belongs to Mr.G.V.Usha Rani; West by : Sy.No.162/2 belongs to Mrs.Shwetha; North by: Sy.No.163/6 belongs to Mr.R.Sathyanarayanaswamy and Mr.D.Nagaraj; South by : Sy.No.164 & 165 belongs to Mr.Y.Venkataswamy and Mrs.Lakshmamma.

Item No.2: Sy.No.163/3, measuring **24 (twentyfour) Guntas,** bounded on the:

East by: Sy.No.163/2 belongs to Mrs.Ashwathamma and Mrs.Shanthamma; West by: Sy.No. 163/9 belongs to Mrs.G.V.Usha Rani; North by: Sy.No.163/4 belongs to Mr.R.Srinivas; South by : Sy.No.167 belongs to Mr.Y.Venkatesh.

Item No.3: Sy.No.163/9, measuring **14 (fourteen) Guntas,** bounded on the:

East by : Sy.No.163/3 belongs to Mrs.G.V.Usha Rani; West by : Sy.No.163/8 belongs Mr.R.Srinivas; North by : Sy.No.163/5 belongs to Mr.R.Srinivas; South by : Sy.No.167 belongs to Mr.Y.Venkatesh.

The above said Item No.1, 2 and 3 properties situated at Nayanahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk and District, Karnataka.

MUNI GOVINDA RAJU ASSOCIATES, Advocates,
Date: 20-03-2021 No.311-A (6/78), III Floor, Mittal Tower, M.G.Road, BANGALORE-560001. Phone Nos: 080-25594421, 25596132

AXIS BANK LIMITED

Structured Assets Group, 1st Floor, Javahar Towers, New No.3, Old No.2, Clubhouse Road, Anna Salai, Chennai-600002

POSSESSION NOTICE - Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties)

The Authorised Officer of the **Axis Bank Ltd.,** Structured Assets Group, 1st Floor, Javahar Towers, New No. 3, Old No. 2, Clubhouse Road, Anna Salai, Chennai-600002 under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **Demand Notice** on **15.07.2020** to the **borrower/ guarantors/ Mortgagors: 1) M/s. Sai Automobiles,** Survey No. 157F, Hospet Road, Cantonment, Bellary-583103, **2) Mr. G Jayaprakash (Proprietor), S/o. Mr. G.P. Venkata Naidu,** Survey No. 158F, Hospet Road, Cantonment, Bellary-583103, **3) Mrs. G Manoja, W/o. Mr. G. Jayaprakash,** Survey No. 158F, Hospet Road Cantonment, Bellary-583103, **4) Mr. G.P. Venkatanaidu,** Survey No.158 F, Hospet Road, Cantonment, Bellary-583103, **5) Smt. Lakshmi Narasamma, W/o. Shri Venkatanaidu,** No. 89 Defense Colony, Sahakarnagar, Bangalore-560092, to repay the amount mentioned of **Rs.5,00,62,697.70/- (Rupees Five Crores Sixty Two Thousands Six Hundred and Ninety Seven and Paise Seventy only)** being the amount due as on **31.05.2020** (this amount includes interest applied till **31.05.2020** only) together with future interest, thereon at the contractual rate of interest from **01.06.2020,** costs and other consequences, damages etc., including the expenses for the said takeover and sale of assets within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower/ guarantors/ mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantors/ mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on **15.03.2021 & 16.03.2021**

The borrower/ guarantors/ mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Axis Bank Ltd. of **Rs.5,39,47,855.70/- (Rupees Five Crores Thirty Nine Lakhs Forty Seven Thousands Eight Hundred and Fifty Five and Paise Seventy Only)** being the amount due as on **28.02.2021** (this amount includes interest applied till **28.02.2021** only) together with future interest, thereon at the contractual rate of interest from **01.03.2021,** costs and other consequences, damages etc., including the expenses for the said takeover and sale of assets thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Part A (Description of Existing Properties)

Description of Property belonging to Shri Gonaguntia Jayaprakash and Smt. G Manoja (Mortgagor 1")

Property-1: All that piece and parcel of non-agricultural residential open land bearing TS No. 60/17/A & 61/ A, land admeasuring 5780 sft situated within city limits in Plot No.16. Door NO. 160(2), Asst No. 49881/A/49891/A, City Corporation Ward No.23, CMC Ward No.25, CTS Ward No.22, Block No.8, Prashanth Nagar, Cantonment, Bellary, Eastern Side N-S: 61 feet Western Side N-S: 76 feet Northern Side E-W: 87 feet Southern Side E-W: 34+34+25 =93 feet, total area 4851+929 + 5780 sft within the following **boundaries East:** Plot NO. 25, **West:** Colony road, **North:** Road, **South:** Property belongs to VR Ravi Kumar.

Part B (Description of Fresh Property)

Description of Property belonging to Shri G. P. Venkatanaidu(Mortgagor II)

Property-2: All that piece and parcel of non-agricultural commercial land and building in TS No.144/2A/14 with land admeasuring 2080 sft situated at D No.159/3, Block 14, Municipal Ward No.25, Tahasildar Compound, Cantonment (North), Bellary within the following **boundaries East:** TS No. 144/2A/8, **West:** TS No.144/2A/7, **North:** Block No.8, **South:** Road.

Description of Properties belonging to Smt Lakshmi Narasamma (" Mortgagor III)

Property-3: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.17A, Khata No.17A/17A out of the Sy No.38, Converted from Non-agricultural residential purposes vide official Memorandum No: B.DIS.ALN SR(N)140/1991-1992 Dated:24.03.1992 Bangalore Yelhanka Hobli, Bangalore North, Taluk, BBMP Khata No.701/38/17A measuring 1200 Sq.ft situated at Kothihosahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk within the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.9/Vidyanyapura, Bangalore District, **Bounded by East by:** Site No-17, **West by:** Site No-15, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No-16A.

Property-4: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.15, BBMP form B Khata No.38/15 Presently Municipal Khata No.663/38/15 formed in Sy No.38 situated at Kothihosahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently comes under BBMP limits, converted fro Non-agricultural/ residential purposes by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District Bangalore Vide Conversion Order No. B.DIS.ALN. SR(N) 140/91-92 dated 24.03.1992 and including all rights, privilages and appurtenances there to, with Khata No.663/38/15 measuring 2400 Sq. Feet situated at Kothihosahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently comes under BBMP Ward No.9/Vidyanyapura, Bangalore District, **Bounded by East by:** Site Nos. 16&17, **West by:** Site No-14, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Private Property.

Date : 15.03.2021 & 16.03.2021
Place : Bellary & Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Axis Bank Ltd.

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POSSESSION NOTICE

APPENDIX IV (Under Rule 8(1)(For Immovable property)

Whereas **A/c No: HTL-39418756895**

The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the State Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **18.11.2020** and same was published in Two leading newspaper "The New Indian Express & Kannada Prabha" on **06.12.2020** and calling upon the Borrower **Ms.Bhanupriya Arumugam** D/o Sri. Arumugam Dharuman Nemur # 352, 1 st Main, 1 st Cross, Jakkasandra Extension, Kormangala 1 st Block, Bangalore – 560034 And also at: i) Flat No. B-305, 3 rd Floor, "PNR PRIDE" 'B' Block, Sy.No.182/2, Katha No.3059/3059/ 246,Attibele and Sarjapur Main Road, Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore – 562106 ii) Block No.471, Near Lal chauki Road, SubhashTekdi, Ulhas Nagar, Thane, Maharashtra – 421004 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs.44,29,060/-** (Rupees Forty four lakhs twenty nine thousand and sixty only) as on **18.11.2020** + interest from **19.11.2020** + incidental charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower /guarantors/ mortgager having failed to repay the amount demanded as per Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors /mortgager and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **17.03.2021.**

The borrower/guarantors/ mortgager in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.43,86,047/-** (RupeesForty three lakhs eighty six thousand and forty sevenonly)as on **17.03.2021**and interest from **18.03.2021** plus expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section13(8) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Immovable property: **Schedule "A" Property:** All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.182/2, measuring 1 acre 03 guntas (converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (A)(A):SR:81/2012-13, dated (20.07.2012) situated at Indlable Village, AtthibleHobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, and bounded on:East by: Land in Sy.No.26, West by: Land in Sy.No.182/1, North by: Road formed in land bearing Sy.No.185 to access the main road, South by: Land in Sy.No.182/3

Schedule "B" Property: 622 Sy.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in Schedule 'A' Property.+

Schedule "C" Property: A Two bedrooms Flat No.B-305 of block B, now bearing Panchyathkatha No.246/B-305, Apartment bearing No. B-305, on the third Floor of the Building known as "PNR PRIDE" constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property, having a super built-up area of 1,131 Square Feet (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in the basement held in the name of Ms. Bhanupriya Arumugam

Date : 17.03.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorized Officer and Chief Manager
State Bank of India, RACPC Malleshwaram
Bangalore

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(Notice under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002)

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited. The loans of the below mentioned borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loans were classified as NPA as per the RBI Guidelines. Amounts due by them to ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited, are mentioned as per the respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers	Outstanding as per 13(2) Notice	Notice Date	Details of Secured asset
1	LN 00000000 3464	SME Secured Loan	1. Syed Zafrulla 2. Adeeba Khanum	Rs. 36,40,523.58	11-March-2021	No 34, PID No.91-29-34, 5th Main Road, S. K Garden, Bangalore-560046.

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts due to ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited as per details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings U/s 13(4) and Sec. 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgage properties mentioned herein above to realize the amount due to ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited. Further you are prohibited U/s 13(13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured asset either by way of sale / lease or otherwise.

Sd/-
Authorised officer
ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited

Date : 20.03.2021
Place : Bangalore

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **SYED SAJID AHMED,** Aged about 33 years, S/o. Late. Syed Abdul Ravoof, Residing at No. 29, 1st Cross, Coffee Board Colony, Behind Al-Quba-Masjid, Shampur Road, A.C. Post, Bangalore-560 045, have lost the following Two Original documents, that is Registered Sale Deed dated: 13/07/2012, Document No. 1262/2012-13, Book-1, Stored in CD No. HBBD79, before the Sub registrar, Gandhinagar (Hebbal) Bangalore executed by Mr. Muniramaiah, through his GPA Holder Mrs. Sharfunnissa and Mrs. Fairoze Fathima, In favour of Mr. Syed Abdul Ravoof and another Gift deed dated: 07/04/2017, document No. 45/2017-18, Book-1, Stored in CD No. HBBD186, before the sub registrar, Gandhinagar (Hebbal) Bangalore executed by Mrs. Fairoze Fathima in favour of my client, pertaining to the property bearing Site No. 56/1, in Assessment No. 106, Situated at Chikkanna Layout, Shampur Main Road (K. G. Halli), Bangalore North Taluk, in the limit of BBMP, measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft, along with 20 square RCC House of (Ground Floor: 10 Square and First Floor: 10 Square) with vitrified Flooring and Jungle wood doors and windows, and bounded on: East by: Private Property, West by: Property belongs to Mr. Muniramaiah, North by: Property belongs to Mr. Muniramaiah, South by: 25 Feet Road, if any person finds the same may deliver to the undersigned within seven days from the date of this publication.

Mr. JAGANNATHAN Advocate, No.45, 3rd Main Road, Arokiyamma Layout, Venkateshpuram, Arabic College P.O. Bangalore-560 045.

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Public Auction notice for Sale of Immovable Property Under Rule 9(1) of Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2020

DCB BANK

Public Auction Notice for sale of Immovable Assets Charged to the DCB BANK under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the borrower, co-borrowers and the guarantors in particular, by the Authorized Officer, that the below mentioned property is mortgaged to DCB Bank Limited. The Authorized Officer of the Bank has taken the physical possession under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 on 06.10.2020 The property will be sold by tender cum public auction as mentioned below for recovery of the below mentioned dues and further interest, charges and cost etc. as per the details set out in the table:–

The property will be sold "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" condition.

Sr. No.	Name and Details of the Borrower	Details of the Secured Debt as on 31.01.2021	Reserve Price	Time and Date of E Auction	Earnest Money Deposit	Date & Time of Inspection	Type of Possession
1	Somashekar B & H Jayamma	Rs. 77,60,023.00	Rs. 76,10,000.00	From 11.00 AM on 26.03.2021	Rs. 7,61,000.00	23.03.2021 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM	Symbolic
	Details of the immovable property to be sold : Site No. 100, Assessment No. 21, Katha No. 894, and measuring East to West 30 Feet & North to South 53 Feet, situated at Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, and presently within the limits of BBMP Ward No. 72						
2	M/s. Pixelmate Designs Private, Nikhil Rajan & Sonal Singh	Rs. 26,01,550.00	Rs. 85,00,000.00	From 11.00 AM on 26.03.2021	Rs. 8,50,000.00	23.03.2021 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM	Symbolic
	Details of the immovable property to be sold : Survey No. 41, measuring 1-21(One Acre Twenty-One Guntas) (Converted Vide Official Memorandum bearing No. BDIS.ALN.SR(s) 406/2003-04, dated 14.0102004, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore) situated at Raghavanapalya Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk						
3	Mr. Amjad Sattar Khan, Naheeda Khanum	Rs. 20,28,597.00	Rs. 1,15,00,000.00	From 11.00 AM on 26.03.2021	Rs. 11,50,000.00	23.03.2021 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM	Symbolic
	Details of the immovable property to be sold : Site No. 1/24, Katha No. 1/24, B Katha No. DA (64) 171/ PR 34/ 2010 – 11, situated at 1st Main Road, Guruppanapalya, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No. 64, now comes under ward no. 171, carved out of Sy. 53/2, situated at Thavareker Dhakale, Gurappanapalya, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet in all measuring 1200 Sq. Feet						
4	M/s Samskruthi Couriers, Mahantesha B., Chandrakala & Harish	Rs. 11,64,097.00	Rs. 90,00,000.00	From 11.00 AM on 26.03.2021	Rs. 9,00,000.00	23.03.2021 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM	Symbolic
	Details of the immovable property to be sold : Site No. 23, Old Assessment No. 46/3, New No.117, situated at Srigandakavulu Village, Yeshwanthapur Hobli, Bangalore, present within limits of BBMP measuring East to West 50 Ft. and North to South 2o Ft,						

Offers are invited in sealed envelope by the undersigned from the intending buyers/ bidders for the purchase of the above said property. The interested buyer may send their offer for the above property in the sealed envelope along with Demand Draft in favor of "DCB BANK LTD."towards the "Earnest Money Deposit" at DCB BANK LTD., Bangalore on or before **25-03-2021.** The sealed offer will be opened on **26-03-2021 at 11 am** on the date of auction at above mentioned branch. The EMD is refundable without any interest if the bid is not successful. The intending buyer may inspect the property/ asset latest by the date mentioned above for which they may contact **Mr. Narendra Babu : 9900432255**. For detailed terms and conditions of the auction sale please refer to the link **https://www.dcbbank.com/cms/showpage/page/customer-corner**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 20.03.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer
DCB Bank Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

This **PUBLIC NOTICE** is to inform the general public that, my client is interested purchasing house property bearing **No.282/39,** having BBMP Khatha No. **335 39/282 323/298,** situated at: Yelachenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, built on site measuring **East to West: 30 Feet** and **North to South: 45 Feet,** measuring in all **1350 Square Feet** of site area, having residential houses of **700 Square Feet of Ground Floor, 700 Square Feet of First Floor** and **700 Square Feet of Second Floor** from its present owners **Sri. S.JAYA PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH,** S/o Late. Shankar Narayan Singh, **Dr.(Mrs.) SMITHA J N Singh,** D/o Sri. S.Jaya Prakash Narayan Singh,**Dr.(Mrs.) SHWETHA J N SINGH,** D/o Sri. S.Jaya Prakash Narayan Singh and **Sri. SANTOSH GURDEEP SINGH,** S/o Sri. S.Jaya Prakash Narayan Singh all residing at #167, 3rd Cross, R.K.Garden, New BEL Road, Bengaluru - 560 054.

Any person/s having any claim/s, right, title, interest or objection/s for the sale of the Schedule Property, may register their claim/s, right, title, interest or objections/s, with documentary proof supporting such claim/s, right, title, interest or objection/s **within 15 days** of the publication of this **PUBLIC NOTICE** to the address given below.

My client shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property if no claim/s, right, title, interest or objection/s is received within **15 days.** My client is **not responsible** for any claim/s, right, title, interest or objection/s received after registration of the Absolute Sale Deed.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that Piece and Parcel of house property bearing **No.282/39,** having BBMP Khatha No. **335 39/282 323/298,** situated at: Yelachenahalli Village, UttarahalliHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, built on site measuring **East to West: 30 Feet** and **North to South: 45 Feet,** measuring in all **1350 Square Feet** of site area, having residential houses of **700 Square Feet of Ground Floor, 700 Square Feet of First Floor** and **700 Square Feet of Second Floor** built with Mosaic Flooring, Mathi and Honne wood doors and windows and bounded on:

East by : Property bearing No.40 & 87, West by : Property bearing No.38 & 89, North by : Road, South by : Property bearing No.88

B.R. DwarakaNath, Advocate
No. 407/8, 4th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar (W), Bengaluru-560 070. Mob: 97412 53443
Bengaluru Date: 18-03-2021

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-61)

P & SC No. 13 / 2020

BETWEEN: **1. AJITH KUMAR,** S/o. Late Balakrishnan Nair, Aged about 68 Years,
2. AMRITA AJITH KUMAR, D/o. Ajith Kumar, Aged About 30 Years, Both are Residing at No. A1-103, Shri Prakriti Apartments, Thindlu Main Road, Kodigehalli, Vidyaranypura, Bangalore-560097.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above named has made petition to this Court Under section 372 of the Indian Succession Act for the grant of Succession Certificate in favour of the petitioners in respect of the schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedules had held by late T.R. Mini Mother and wife of the petitioner's herein. T.R. Mini died on 10-03-2020. Interested party are hereby called to hearing in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed **on 8-4-2021 at 11.00 A.M** inform to show cause against the petitioners, failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-Parte.

SCHEDULE

A) Savings Bank account No.561010100035440 at Axis Bank for the period (From: 03-11-2020 to 01-12-2020) Stands in the name of Late. Smt. T.R. Mini Balance Amount of Rs.56,193.12 as on 01-12-2020.

B) Mutual fund with Client ID 1551179 (T.R. Mini) invested at Axis Securities Ltd. Total amount invested Rs.6,24,786.19 in the name of Late. T.R. Mini as on 02-12-2020.

C) Equity fund with Client ID 1551179 (T.R. Mini) invested at Axis

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy will inaugurate Orvakal airport on March 26. Flight services will start from March 28 and the first flight will land at the airport from Bengaluru.

Amaravati land scam: Andhra HC stays investigation for four weeks

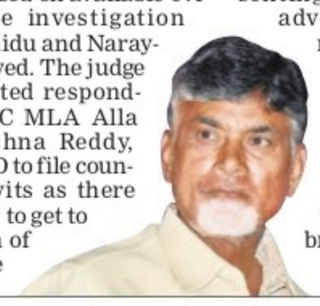
CID's move questionable, says judge, asks MLA, probing agency to file counter-affidavits

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

IN a relief to TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu and former minister P Narayana, the Andhra Pradesh High Court on Friday stayed investigation for four weeks into the FIR registered against them by the Crime Investigation Department (CID) for alleged irregularities in alienation of assigned lands in the Amaravati capital region.

Justice Manavendranath Roy, who heard the quash petitions filed by Naidu and Narayana, issued the interim orders, pointing out that Section 146 of the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) Act prohibits legal action against the government, officials or the CRDA itself for any acts carried out as per its rules.

In this backdrop, the CID's move appears questionable, he said and ruled that until such time the questions are answered, based on available evidence, the investigation against Naidu and Narayana be stayed. The judge also directed respondents, YSRC MLA Alla Ramakrishna Reddy, and the CID to file counter-affidavits as there was a need to get to the bottom of the entire affair given the legal bar against the prosecution under Section 146.



Supreme Court senior advocate Siddharth Luthra, representing Naidu, and former advocate general Dammalapati Srinivas, appearing for Narayana, submitted that the powers that be had earlier attacked the petitioners and now got the CID to file cases in a recalibrated move.

The complainant Alla Ramakrishna Reddy had five years ago filed a case against Naidu in the so-called note-for-vote scandal and the same is still pending in the apex court, they said and alleged that the CID's FIR was part of an ongoing political vendetta.

They argued that no irregularities took place in the issuance of GO No. 41 under which assigned lands were allowed to be acquired for the capital Amaravati. "The GO was issued as per the proposals made by officials. The then CM Naidu and then municipal administration minister Narayana approved it finally as per rules. No prior decision was taken by Naidu or Narayana on assigned lands... besides, Section 146 of the CRDA Act prohibits prosecution," they said.

CID grills former APCRDA commissioner

Vijayawada: The CID reportedly questioned former commissioner of Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) Cherukuri Sreedhar on Friday. Sreedhar served as joint collector of Guntur district and later as CRDA commissioner during the TDP regime and played crucial role in acquiring lands from farmers for Amaravati. **ENS**

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

Teachers given a warning

Coimbatore: The School Education department on Friday instructed government school teachers and non-teaching staff, on election duty, not to criticise politicians and political parties on social media, as per the Model Code of Conduct (MCC). It also warned of departmental actions against those found violating the norms. The department has further asked Chief Educational Officers (CEOs) to give necessary instructions to teachers and other staff and monitor their activities at the district level. **ENS**

Kamal releases party manifesto

Coimbatore: Makkal Needhi Maiam founder Kamal Haasan on Friday released his party's manifesto for the ensuing assembly poll that he claimed would stimulate the state's economy. Addressing media persons here on Friday, he said the manifesto was designed keeping in mind to alleviate Tamil Nadu's overall outstanding debt of Rs 5 lakh crore. One of the highlights of the manifesto were implementing late president APJ Abdul Kalam's PURA (Providing Urban Amenities in Rural Areas) scheme in 234 constituencies. **ENS**

LS passes Bill to group seven SC sub-sects in TN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Lok Sabha on Friday passed the "Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2021," that seeks to club seven communities of specified districts in Tamil Nadu, with a voice vote. The legislative proposal provides for a common classification by the name of 'Devendrakula Velalars', which will include "Devendrakulathan, Kalladi, Kudumban, Pallan, Pannadi, Vathiriyam, and Kadaiyan in specified regions of Tamil Nadu".

With the Bill providing a common classification for the seven sub-sects, their separate entries will be removed subsequently, said Thaaver Chand Gehlot, Union Minister for Social Justice. Gehlot had admitted that the categorisations of the communities under the groupings of the Scheduled Castes were done in 1950 on the basis of their respective socio-economic situations in specific areas, leaving some out of the purview in a few districts.

Interestingly, no MP from the State was present in the House during the proceedings. Other members then briefly discussed the proposal and raised demands to remove similar anomalies in their respective States. BJP MP Sunita Duggal shed historical perspective behind the need for such a classification, saying that they have been the victims of the British policy of "Divide and Rule". Duggal said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah had met a delegation from Tamil Nadu in 2015, which argued for the need for the grouping of the seven sub-castes, after which the "State government constituted a special group".

The legislative proposal was supported by MPs cutting across party lines, with the common refrain that the Bill fulfils aspirations of people of the seven sub-castes who have suffered social discrimination for decades.

Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister O Panneerselvam campaigns for AIADMK candidates in Pallavaram, Chennai, on Friday | AADITTHEESH MURALI

Sudhakar's driver, gunman come to blows

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TENSION prevailed near the residence of Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar in Sadashivanagar, after a gunman allegedly assaulted the minister's personal driver over some trivial issue. This resulted in both of them coming to blows. A video of the incident went viral.

Sadashivanagar police booked gunman Thimmaiah on charges of assaulting the driver, Somashekar, who suffered minor injuries.

A senior police officer said that the incident took place in the morning, when they had both reported for duty. Thimmaiah reportedly began arguing with Somashekar, and in a fit of rage, dragged him on the road. Thimmaiah allegedly hit Somashekar. Police personnel had to intervene to stop the duo from fighting.

Speaking to reporters, Somashekar said, "Two days ago, Thimmaiah had hit a physically-challenged person selling tea near the minister's house. I noticed it and advised Thimmaiah not to hit him. On Friday, Thimmaiah questioned me, thinking that I might have informed the minister about the incident. He also attacked me."

SHAKING THINGS UP

Supporters greet Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait at Biju Patnaik International Airport in Bhubaneswar on Friday. Addressing a Kisan Mahapanchyat in the city, he said businessmen are running the government at the Centre | BISWANATH SWAIN

Mahadayi project: SC panel inspects site

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

MEMBERS of the Joint Inspection Committee (JIC), who will look into complaints related to the diversion of water via Kalasa nala at the Mahadayi project site in Kankumbi, inspected the site on Friday.

Following a complaint raised by the Goa Government, the Supreme Court had issued an order to form the committee.

The committee visited the site and held a marathon meeting on various issues related to the project. The apex court has given the committee four weeks to submit a comprehensive report on whether water was diverted via Kalasa nala in violation of the order. Accordingly, the JIC is expected to submit its report before the case comes up for hearing on April 4.

The issue raked up bad press when a section of media persons from Goa raised a stink when they were allegedly stopped from going to the project site when the committee arrived.

Prudent Media, from Goa, tweeted, "Karnataka police restricted the entry of Goan officers, Water Resources Department technical staff and environmentalist Rajendra Kerkar all from Goa from entering the project site when the inspection was carried out by JIC. The ID cards of the officers were also confiscated by police, only to be returned after fiery arguments." Media persons and leaders from Karnataka were restrained as well from going near the site.

"Other than members of the committee, nobody else in allowed on the site," said police personnel at the site.

Karnataka Water Resources Department sources claimed that no water was diverted via Kalasa nala ever since the SC issued orders to raise a wall to check the flow of water inside the nala.

Oppn reveals 1.63 lakh fake voters

DHINESH KALLUNGAL @ T'Puram

CHIEF Electoral Officer Teeka Ram Meena has said the huge number of 'fake voters' in the list as pointed out by Opposition leader Ramesh Chennithala calls for a serious probe. He said this after Chennithala handed over the details of 1,63,071 more such voters in 51 constituencies across the state. With this, the total number of fake voters identified by the Opposition has risen to 2,16,510.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Meena said, "We have sought reports from all district collectors in the wake of allegations that fake voters have found their way into the electoral roll. I cannot rule out foul play," he said.

"We had given three to four months for the political parties to vet the list. They had no issues then. They have come up with certain details at the eleventh hour. Such issues are common in every election, but the huge number of fake voters pointed out by the Opposition calls for a serious inquiry," he said.

"One thing I can affirm -- that all issues related to the fake voters will be fixed before the elections and we will not allow bogus voting at any cost," he added.

The Opposition had pointed out serious errors in the list that require the deletion of names because many of these voters are no longer alive. Even if only a small percentage of fake voters get to vote, they can swing the results. EC officials say such irregularities are committed by certain officials at the behest of political parties or due to technical glitches.

Elusive man-eater found dead, samples sent to Hyd

BOSKY KHANNA & PRAGNA G R
@Bengaluru/ Madikeri

THE elusive wild tiger which had killed three people and injured one person in Kodagu is dead, Karnataka forest officials confirmed on Friday. A decomposing carcass was found in Lakunda, near Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, by a patrol team on Friday morning. The spot is 2-3 km away from where the carcass of the cattle, which the tiger had last killed, was found.

The stripes of the dead tiger matched those of the elusive tiger in camera trap images. However, to be doubly sure, the forest department has sent its samples to the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, for confirmation. The tiger carcass was burnt after a postmortem later in the day, as per National Tiger Conservation Authority protocol.

Forest officials identified the man-eater by the markings on the carcass | EXPRESS

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Vijay Kumar Gogi told *TNIE* that it was the same tiger which was found dead. Analysis with final reports will be done, he added.

Chief Conservator of Forests, Kodagu, Takhat Singh Ranawat said in a postmortem that six pellets of a 12mm bore gun were found. The tiger was darted on March 8, but the pellets had not penetrated deep inside to damage its internal organs and kill the animal instantly. The animal was shot at by department staffers and not any outsider, he added.

The carcass was three days old and had started showing signs of decomposition. Three of the tiger's canines were missing, and when the tiger bit into animals, carcass analysis would show only one sharp canine mark, Ranawat said.

Forest officials said that for five days, there was no sign of the tiger in any other area, and neither were there any fresh camera trap images or cattle kill in the vicinity. However, a fresh cattle kill was reported by locals 30 km away. This is also being investigated, but officials ruled out the possibility, and also news being spread by locals that the tiger was poisoned or shot at by other locals. "The carcass was decomposing naturally, and the pellets were verified as forest weapons which only the department has," a senior forest official said.

The department had deployed a team of around 150 staffers, along with veterinarians and sharpshooters, to capture the tiger. The operation had started on February 20 and went on for almost a month.

Dr Mujeeb, the veterinarian who did the postmortem, said the tiger was aged around 12 years and had numerous pellet injuries and marks.

EXPRESS READ

BHEL hands over 100th battery to ISRO

Bengaluru: Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) on Friday announced that it supplied the 100th space-grade battery to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). This will be used for the Chandrayaan-3 mission which is scheduled for 2022. The battery was handed over by AK Jain, Executive Director, BHEL-EDN, and M Sankaran, Deputy Director, ISRO Bengaluru, flagged off the vehicle carrying the battery on Friday in the presence of senior officials from BHEL. "Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has achieved the unique milestone of supplying its 100th battery to ISRO for its very important and critical mission, Chandrayaan 3," said an official statement from the company. **ENS**

Kerala visitors caught with fake RT-PCR reports

PRAJNA GR @ Madikeri

WHILE the Kodagu district administration is stringently checking people at the Kodagu-Kerala border check posts to keep Covid-19 at bay, fake RT-PCR certificates have been posing a challenge to officials.

Around 300 to 500 vehicles regularly commute across the border, including numerous goods vehicles that transport essential supplies. Following the second wave of Covid-19 across the neighbouring state of Kerala, the Karnataka government made it mandatory for all visitors from Kerala to produce RT-PCR reports not older than 72 hours. Since Kodagu shares a border with Kerala, the district administration established measures to check reports of visitors from Kerala at all border check posts from February 20.

Staffers from the revenue department, police and health department have been appointed at the check posts 24/7 to check reports. However, they are now facing the issue of fake certificates. "We caught nearly four people possessing fake RT-PCR reports. Following this, we have now trained health workers to differentiate between fake and original reports and the issue is currently under control," confirmed Yogananda, Virajpet tahsildar.

The people who possessed fake reports were prohibited from entering and were sent back to Kerala by the administration. "These fake reports are being generated in Kerala and we are unable to initiate any action. Also, in case we file FIRs against violators who possess these fake reports, we will have to allow them to enter and bring them to the district police station. Hence, we are sending them back without taking any action," he added.

Officials also caught people from Kerala trying to enter the district on foot. Since the Kootuholey River located across Makutta-Virajpet border area has dried up, people crossed over to enter the district.

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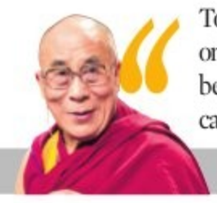

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Dalai Lama

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ANOTHER DFI IN THE OFFING, LEARN FROM PAST FAILURES

Yet another Development Finance Institution (DFI) is being set up, and it appears that the government is sticking to the principles of experimenting until something eventually succeeds. Post-independent India has seen several such attempts and here's a pick of the bunch: IFCI, IDBI, IIBI, ICICI, HDFC and IDFC besides sector-specific institutions like Nabard, Exim Bank, SIDBI—all financing medium-to-long-term infrastructure projects stretching 1-10 years and beyond. While some DFIs survived and are enduring a sober fate, others failed losing obscene amounts as borrowers defaulted payments, wilfully or otherwise.

The proposed state-run National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NABFID) will finance up to ₹5 lakh crore over the next three years. This is roughly 4% of the ₹120 lakh crore investments on 7,000-odd projects as part of the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) by 2025. But banks' ability to finance them is impaired and hence the DFI model as a principal financial institution and a development bank is deemed essential for an economy with $5 trillion GDP aspirations. Previous attempts failed largely due to lack of access to ultra-low cost funds limiting DFIs' ability to lend at competitive rates. Now, NABFID will have access not only to subsidised credit from traditional sources like the government, RBI, sovereign wealth funds, multilateral and bilateral institutions, it can also tap debt financing through the InvITs and REITS, pension pots, insurance and mutual funds.

Investors will be given a 5/10-year tax holiday to incentivise their long-term commitments and in the process help develop a corporate bond market. The proposed NABFID bonds will also get RBI's statutory liquidity ratio relaxations, but issuing rupee-denominated bonds will test the central bank's mettle to avoid derailing the Centre's borrowing programme. The government should also have alternatives to access low-cost funds in the event of a withdrawal of subsidised credit as happened during the 1990s. Besides, manpower is everything and so is careful selection, and securitisation of projects, the lack of which led to past failures.

THE PERILS OF POPULIST BUDGETS

By any standard, the Telangana Budget for 2021-22 presented in the Assembly by Finance Minister T Harish Rao on Thursday was very ambitious. The size of the Budget was ₹2.3 lakh crore, with a fiscal deficit of ₹45,509 crore. Last year, the Budget was ₹1.8 lakh crore, but that had shrunk to ₹1.66 lakh crore, what with Covid-19 dealing a mortal blow to the state's receipts.

The Budget proposals make it clear that the government still does not want to cut the coat according to the cloth. Each year, even if not for Covid, something else like a sudden slash in Central devolutions would be present. In the present Budget, it is not as though the government was unrestrained. It deferred the unemployment allowance promised to jobless youth. But again, on the flip side, it does not show any allocation for implementation of the Pay Revision Commission recommendations at the rate of 27% fitment, which has to be done anyway since the chief minister had reportedly promised it recently. The additional outgo would likely be about ₹8,000 crore. This would add to the fiscal deficit, which means more borrowings. The public debt outstanding at the end of 2021-22 is estimated to be a whopping ₹2.86 lakh crore, a figure that is intimidating. It is about 24.84% of the GSDP. Anything more would break the state's back.

No one blames Harish Rao or Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao for their overreaching ambition if one looks at the issue through the political prism. As people's expectations grow each year, the government finds itself compelled to increase allocations. Welfare schemes such as Rythu Bandhu, Aasara, Kalyana Lakshmi and free power supply to farmers drain finances but are big vote catchers. Once announced, welfare schemes stay forever. Additional schemes would only mean greater financial profligacy. A beginning has to be made to channelise revenues going into such schemes towards asset creation instead. For this, the TRS needs to show political courage.

The accumulation of undecided cases in the top court cannot be addressed by simply increasing the number of judges and filling vacancies swiftly

REDUCING BACKLOG OF CASES IN SUPREME COURT

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Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the PM. Views are personal

AMIT BANDRE

Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy and Daksha Legal both do excellent research work on law and related policy. The legal system has to provide credible incentives and deterrents. Dispute resolution must be efficient. There are layers to dispute resolution: Lower Courts, High Courts and the Supreme Court. Out of 37 million cases pending in India, the Supreme Court's contribution (as of 1 March 2021) is only 66,727. In June 2012, that figure was 61,716. If one goes back a decade, that number will drop to around 40,000. In other words, because the Supreme Court's disposal of cases is smaller than new cases instituted, the backlog increases. In 2015, Vidhi brought out a consultation paper on the Supreme Court's backlog and regional disparities in access to the Supreme Court. Let me quote bits from this.

"However, a prima facie analysis of the Supreme Court's recent history would show that it has definitely strayed from its original character and has transformed into a court of regular appeals. Recent studies point out that disputes pertaining to taxation, corporate law, land acquisition, service matters and criminal law matters constitute the bulk of the Supreme Court's docket...While the number of constitutional cases disposed have declined steadily, the data from the Supreme Court suggests that both the number of ordinary appeals disposed and pending cases have grown exponentially... Constitutionally, the Supreme Court must be accessible and open to all litigants who wish to invoke any of its jurisdiction(s) under the pertinent provisions of the Constitution of India. In practice however, a major contention has repeatedly surfaced against the 'centralised' structure of justice dispensation, by geographically locating, and limiting the Supreme Court to the national capital." In 2016, an analysis of 49,000 cases followed, demonstrating the overwhelming presence of special leave petitions (SLPs). Therefore, reducing backlog in the Supreme Court is not a simple matter of increasing the number of judges and filling vacancies swiftly.

Recently (10th March 2021), the Minister of Law and Justice answered a starred question in Lok Sabha about restructuring of the Supreme Court. "The Eleventh Law Commission in its 125th Report titled 'The Supreme Court – A Fresh Look', submitted in 1988, reiterated the recommendations made by Tenth Law Commission in its 95th Report for splitting the Supreme Court into two, namely (i) Constitutional Court at Delhi and (ii) Court of appeal or Federal Court sitting in North, South, East, West and Central India." That 95th Report recommended there should be two divisions in the Supreme Court, a Constitutional Division and a Legal Division. I hope more people read that 95th report. It was beautifully argued and written, not just the content, but also the language. As the minister mentioned, in 1988, there was the 125th Report.

I prefer the language of the 95th Report, but that of the 125th Report was pretty good too. "If this recommendation had been implemented in letter and spirit, probably the situation could have been very much retrieved ... Non-implementation of the report leaves one guessing as to whether the split is obnoxious in any manner. In fact, the Supreme Court itself has recently strongly advocated the creation of a National Court of Appeal leaving the Supreme Court to deal with constitutional matters only. ... If on the earlier occasion there was some visible hostility from the Bar against the suggestion for splitting the Court into two divisions, none is heard since the judgment (the 1988 Supreme Court judgment). The institutional response of the Supreme Court is thus in favour of splitting the court. The Government must, therefore, develop the necessary will to give effect to it; otherwise, an impression is likely to be formed that where a slight resistance comes, the will to deal with the recommendation of the Law Commission withers away forthwith."

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Subsequently, as again mentioned by the minister in his reply, there was the 229th Report of the Law Commission in 2009. To quote, "The agonies of a litigant coming to New Delhi from distant places like Chennai, Thiruvananthapuram, Puducherry in the South, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa in the West, Assam or other States in the East to attend a case in the Supreme Court can be imagined; huge amount is spent on travel; bringing one's own lawyer who has handled the matter in the High Court adds to the cost; adjournment becomes prohibitive; costs get multiplied. ... It is, therefore, clear that there are reasons other than the inadequacy of judge strength that are responsible for accumulation of undecided cases in the Supreme Court... In this context, it may be noted that in its 2nd (2004), 6th (2005) and 15th (2006) Reports, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law and Justice has repeatedly suggested that in order to promote speedy justice available to the common man, Benches of the Supreme Court have to be established in the Southern, Western and Northeastern parts of the country.... Despite these Reports, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has so far not agreed with the suggestion regarding setting up of its Benches.... The concept of having a Constitution Bench along with a Cassation Bench (these do not re-examine facts, but interpret relevant law) is nothing new."

I think anyone who reads these various reports will be convinced. But Lok Sabha was told, "The matter was referred to the Chief Justice of India, who has informed that after consideration of the matter, the Full Court in its meeting held on 18th February, 2010, found no justification for setting up of Benches of the Supreme Court outside Delhi."

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ELECTIONS AS A CONSTITUTIONAL REMINDER

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History has curious contradictions. Sometimes, constitutions emerge after long struggles or revolutions. But the same constitutions could be damaged by way of their own creations, namely elections and their after-effects. India's fundamental law was, in essence, the manifestation of the freedom movement. Ironically, decades after its first election in 1952, the nation is now labelled an electoral autocracy by the V-Dem institute in Sweden. The US-based Freedom House recently said in its report that India is no longer a free democracy but only "partly free". Scholar Tarunabh Khaitan says that along with countries like Poland, Hungary, Turkey, Brazil, South Africa and Israel, we are also under a process of "democratic deconsolidation". While exploring the "executive aggrandisement and party-state fusion in India", Khaitan finds the saga of "killing a Constitution with a thousand cuts".

The data given by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) shows that 93 cases of sedition were filed in 2019 whereas in 2016, the total number of such cases was only 35. Again, there were 1,226 cases under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) filed in 2019. In 2020, the number of such cases remained alarming. Kunal Purohit, in a report on an online platform, says that six cases alleging sedition were registered during the farm protests, 25 cases during the agitations against the CAA, 22 after the Hathras gangrape and 27 after the Pulwama attack. Purohit's report also says that between 2014 and 2020, there was a 28% increase in the number of sedition cases registered every year.

The nation's freedom index is no longer a matter of pride or pleasure. One could be incarcerated for an innocent tweet or an intimate personal affection or even an unspoken joke. Constitutional morality is under immense threat. The formal and informal institutions face tremendous challenges from the power centres.

It is at this juncture that elections are now soon to take place in the five states. The political histrionics on the visual media, with their unbearable sensationalism round the clock, try to reduce the electoral process into another game of numbers with theatrics. Populism instead of constitutionalism has emerged as the hallmark of elections in the recent past. Many of the political leaders were more passionate about freebies and tall promises. Growing scales of unfreedom are not a major electoral issue in the country. Very few are concerned about Disha Ravi, Anand Teltumbde or Sudha Bharadwaj on their walk to the polling booth. This reflects the poor quality of our democracy.

In the past, pleas for liberty and withdrawal of draconian laws were not alien to the electoral agenda. The general election immediately after the Emergency (1975-77) was a classic illustration of the people embracing constitutionalism in the electoral process. The anti-Emergency movement revitalised India's faith in the Constitution. Thereafter, even in 2004, based on an electoral promise, the Congress-led government had to recall a stringent law with a notorious track record of human rights violations: the Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA).

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The present electoral landscape does not bode well. Not only the model code of conduct of the Election Commission, even the statutory prescriptions are often breached during electioneering. There is scant regard to prohibition against canvassing voters in the name of race, religion, community or language. Manjari Katju says that the 2019 elections saw "unprecedented use of communal, abusive and hateful rhetoric by political parties".

Political parties are privileged to make all kinds of promises. The Supreme Court in Subramaniam Balaji's case (2013) held that such promises cannot be termed as corrupt practice, falling within the ambit of Section 123 of the Representation of People Act, 1951.But the court noted that such offers hampered the very idea of free and fair elections and therefore directed the Election Commission to frame appropriate guidelines with respect to the manifestos. In 2015, the top court turned down the plea to command the political parties to fulfil the electoral promises.

In the context of the upcoming Assembly elections, there is some rhetoric of good governance, rule of law and fight against corruption. At times, there are discourses over the real issues of poverty, unemployment and basic amenities. Strategy for guaranteed annual financial assistance and incentives to the farmers are good gestures. However, the political process during unjust situations would call for stricter scrutiny in terms of democratic percepts. Hard times demand greater oppositional radicalism.

Decades ago, scholar Granville Austin opined: "The [Indian] Constitution has been a success... because there have been no direct attacks on it or on the institutions it created, and because the colonial experience, the leadership, the mass party and the bureaucracy have provided a favourable constitutional environment" ('The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation'). This is no longer the case. The real challenge is, therefore, to redefine and reinvent elections as a means to rejuvenate the Constitution. Elections should be a periodical means of public education. Political parties too are bound by the everydayness of the constitutional ethos as imagined by the Supreme Court in the famous S R Bommai judgment (1994). Perhaps, in the realm of political reforms, one can only be "a pessimist because of intelligence, but an optimist because of will", as famously put by Italian philosopher Antonio Gramsci.

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Interference in higher edu

The resignation of top faculty from Ashoka University is a classic example of how political interference in the functioning of academic institutions can demean their status. Political leanings, nepotism, lack of funding, plagiarism, etc., have plagued our higher education institutions for long.

Biju C Mathew, Thiruvananthapuram

Second wave upon us

The Covid second wave has already started in parts of India. People have become complacent. Unless norms are strictly imposed during poll campaign, this will become a serious problem.

Ravi Sankar K A, Kochi

Follow Covid protocols

The onslaught of Covid in some states for the second time is frightening. Following Covid security protocols is the need of the hour. Precautions must be taken, especially in the face of the upcoming state polls.

Hullasa Behera, Bhubaneswar

Cancellation of ration cards

The news that about three crore ration cards have been cancelled as they were not linked with Aadhaar is shocking. Though the reason was to restrict the misuse and duplication of ration cards, this should not have continued during the global pandemic.

Samyuktha Alwar, Mysuru

Kudos to Men in Blue

The Indian cricket team deserves a pat on the back for upsetting England's apple cart in the fourth T20 at Ahmedabad, levelling the five-match series at 2-2. The pace trio of Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Hardik Pandya and Shardul Thakur ensured a nail-biting eight-run win for the Men in Blue.

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

Equality in hunting

This is with reference to *Tribal hunting reliefs, masterpieces of Vijayanagara art* (Mar 19). It is exciting to know that equality of men and women existed in hunting practices.

Anula Singh, Bengaluru

Justice denied in Kerala

This is with reference to *Significance of a symbolic fight* (Mar 19). Undeniably, the influential sabotage cases against them. That the hapless mother who sough justice was pushed from pillar to post for four years corroborates this.

Thomas KM, Muvattupuzha

Fight against oppression

It is stunning that the mother of the two Dalit girls who were sexually assaulted and murdered has decided to contest against the Kerala CM. It is symbolic of the fight against the various forms of oppressions women face.

Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha

Fiscal viability of freebies

This is with reference to *Financing freebies in Tamil Nadu amid Covid crisis* (Mar 19). There seems to be no end to promises made by political parties in Tamil Nadu without considering their fiscal viability.

Chilaka Venkateswarlu, Chennai

Fix ceiling for scheme

The Telangana government has made the Rythu Bandhu scheme applicable to all farmers with land holdings without a ceiling, thus wasting resources on wealthy landowners. The government should fix a ceiling of 10 acres for eligibility to this scheme.

A M Daniel, Hyderabad

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Kaushik Basu @kaushikcbasu
Pratap Bhanu Mehta & Arvind Subramanian quitting Ashoka University is sad. If we can't tolerate combative, critical minds, we damage creativity

ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2021 DECIDE

Mamata didi talks about Maa, Maati and Manus, but actually she has coloured Bengal's soil with blood and is behind the killings of innocent people, particularly BJP workers —Shivraj Singh Chouhan, MP CM

BJP finally announces WB candidates after two weeks and those on list say they are not in the BJP and they are not running on a BJP ticket. Time for some homework, Mr. Shah! —Mahua Moitra, TMC MP

BJP supporters and leaders have been attacked and there is rampant violence in West Bengal. We want central armed forced inside poll booths to ensure free and fair elections —Bhupendra Yadav, BJP

Support us instead of Left to beat BJP, Mamata tells 'Marxist friends'

Worried by transfer of CPI(M) votes to saffron outfit, Bengal CM makes unusual request

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

WHEN the going gets tough, one seeks help from unexpected quarters. Feeling the heat of BJP's aggressive campaigning in West Bengal, TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee has reached out to her "Marxist friends", urging them to not vote for the alliance between Left and Congress. Saying that only her party can resist BJP, the chief minister requested Left supporters to support the ruling party.

"There is no difference between CPI(M), Congress and BJP. They are hand in gloves. I will request my Marxist friends not to cast their votes for the alliance and support our party to decimate a communal force like BJP," Mamata said while addressing a gathering in East Midnapore district on Friday. The crowd of 10,000-odd had a significant presence of women.

The CM's appeal is relevant, considering that the saffron brigade made inroads in Bengal in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections riding the erosion in CPI(M)'s vote share. In the upcoming Assembly elections, Left and Congress are allies. In the 2019 elections, CPI(M)'s vote share had dipped by 16.6 per cent and BJP enjoyed a steep rise of 22.7 per cent.

"The CPI(M) is a rotten party. It is TMC that can overthrow BJP from Bengal. In this election, we will win in Bengal and then derail the BJP-led government from the Centre. If you vote for our party, BJP will be nowhere in near future," Mamata said.

Political observers said Mamata is concerned about a further erosion in CPI(M)'s vote bank, which might make things difficult for her party. "TMC secured 43.3 per cent and BJP bagged 40.7 per cent votes in 2019 Lok Sabha elections. If there is another round of 1.5 to 2 per cent swing from Left's vote bank, TMC will be in trouble. Sensing this possibility, it appears that the chief minister has sought the support of Marxists," said Bishnupriya Dutta Gupta, a professor of political science in Kolkata.

Describing BJP as a party of Mahatma Gandhi's killers, Mamata launched a fresh attack. "If BJP comes to power in Bengal, women will not be safe. You must be aware of what happened in Hathras in Uttar Pradesh," she said.

Mamata Banerjee at a rally in West Bengal's East Midnapore district on Friday | PTI

48
of the 191 candidates in the first phase of polls in Bengal have declared criminal cases against themselves

21
women candidates are contesting the first phase of Bengal polls scheduled to be held on March 27

Didi dictator, says CM Chouhan

Bhopal: Eighteen days after his first election-related visit to West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan returned to the state to hit the campaign trail again on Friday. He lashed out at Trinamool Congress and its supremo Mamata Banerjee at rallies in the Moyna and Khejuri Assembly constituencies in East Midnapore district. Describing Mamata as a dictator, he said she is insensitive and incompetent. "Mamata means love and care but Didi you have actually been nirmam (cruel)," said Madhya Pradesh CM.

BJP and TMC delegates meet EC

New Delhi: TMC and BJP delegations approached the Election Commission on Friday over deployment of Central forces near polling stations in West Bengal. "It's becoming clear that free, fair and transparent elections in West Bengal is becoming a distant reality," a memorandum submitted by the TMC delegation said. The BJP has urged that central forces are deployed inside polling booths. BJP leader Bhupender Yadav said the party wants the EC to send notices to this effect to TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee.

Bengal doctors write to poll panel

Kolkata: A joint platform of doctors in West Bengal has written to the Election Commission, warning about rising Covid-19 cases and "complete disappearance" of safety protocols at political rallies. "The number of cases in Bengal is rising. Every act of spreading the contagion is being observed and all the political parties agree to remain silent on this crucial issue of public health," said Dr Hiralal Konar and Dr Punyabrata Gun, representing the Joint Platform of Doctors, in their letter to the poll panel.

Supporters of Himanta Biswa Sarma on the streets of Guwahati on Friday | PTI

Sarma confident margin will be bigger this time

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

ASSAM minister and BJP's face in the Northeast — Himanta Biswa Sarma filed his nomination on Friday in the presence of two Chief Ministers.

Sarma arrived at the Returning Officer's office with thousands of supporters, after leading a roadshow. Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal, his Manipur counterpart N Biren Singh, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and BJP leader Baijayant Panda were present when Sarma filed his papers. It is not often that the CM of another attends such a programme.

Sarma is contesting from Jalukbari, which covers parts of Guwahati and its outskirts. He has held this prestigious seat since 2001. "I seek the blessings of the people for the candidates of BJP and (its allies) AGP (Asom Gana Parishad) and UPPL (United People's Party Liberal)," Sarma said after filing nomination.

Earlier, after offering prayers at Kamakshya temple, Sarma said he was confident of a big win. "I lost the 1996 elections by a few thousand votes. I won all subsequent elections. The margin of victory kept increasing. I won in 2016 by 86,000 votes. This time, there are 2.02 lakh voters. I am confident of winning by 1.2-1.5 lakh votes," he said. Sarma had won in 2001, 2006 and 2011 as a Congress candidate. In 2015, he joined BJP after falling out with the then CM Tarun Gogoi. As his vehicle was heading towards the RO's office, his supporters cheered, danced and shouted slogans for him and PM Narendra Modi. Sarma accepted garlands, traditional "gamosas" and waved at supporters.

A master election strategist, who is widely known for his political acumen, Sarma was instrumental in scripting BJP's victory in Assam and some other states in the Northeast.

Polls coming closer, more officials and TMC candidates get calls from ED, CBI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

WITH the state heading towards the first of its eight-phase poll schedule, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) swung into action on Friday and issued summons to two IAS officers, including a principal secretary, former director general of police and security advisor of Mamata Banerjee's government. Earlier on Friday, CBI interrogated two Trinamool Congress candidates in connection with the Saradha chit fund scam.

Madan Mitra, who is contesting from Kamarhati constituency, and Jorasanko candidate Vivek Gupta appeared before CBI sleuths. "I will always cooperate with the central agency. They summoned me and I visited their office. They asked questions and I replied," said Mitra.

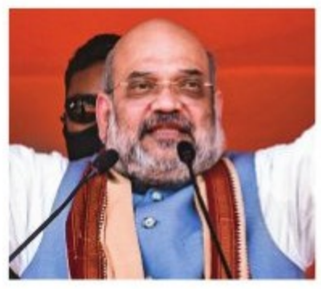
The ED issued summons to principal secretary B Gopalika, asking him to visit its office on March 24 in connection with a probe into the controversial 2017 disinvestment of the West Bengal government's stake in Metro Dairy, which was India's first public-private partnership in the dairy sector.

The CBI summoned former DGP Surajit Kar Purkayastha, who is presently serving as security advisor to the state government, in connection with the Saradha scam. Sources in the agency said Purkayastha was seen attending an event organised by Saradha and delivering a speech.

The central agency also issued summons to IPS officer LN Meena, who was the commissioner of Asansol commissionerate, and IAS officer Arun Prasad, district magistrate of Bankura, in connection with a coal pilferage case.

Shah to release Bengal manifesto on Sunday

Union Minister for Home Affairs and former BJP chief Amit Shah will release the party's manifesto for the West Bengal Assembly elections on Sunday. The manifesto has been prepared on the basis of an outreach programme in which public suggestions were taken, on the lines of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. Shah will be on a one-day visit of West Bengal to release the manifesto.



BJP fans hatred, Congress roots it out, says Rahul

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday reiterated his charge that BJP fans hatred wherever it goes.

"Do you think there is a connection between hatred and unemployment? I will answer. There is indeed a link between the two. If hatred rises, unemployment too will rise and vice versa. Congress roots out hatred, BJP spreads it. Peace and brotherhood are the prerequisites for business and progress. Congress brings those," Gandhi said while interacting with college students at Lahowal in Dibrugarh distrtict.

He renewed his attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi for allegedly favouring only a select few industrialists. "In today's India, the youth cannot get jobs. PM Modi spoke of a start-up Make in India but if you check shirts, shoes and mobile phones, you'll find 'Made in China' written on them. We want to see 'Made in Assam' and 'Made in India'. BJP cannot do it. It works only for a select few," Gandhi said.

He slammed the Prime Minister for allegedly destroying small and middle-sized businesses through demonetisation. "At 8 pm one day, PM says he is demonetising currency notes of ₹1,000 and ₹500. That one step destroyed small and middle-sized businesses in the country and rendered lakhs of people jobless," he said.

"He lied before you saying that it's a fight against black money. I ask if the problem of black money is over. The goal behind demonetisation was to take out money from the poor's pocket and put it in the pockets of two or three richest peoples of the country."

Rahul Gandhi interacts with college students in Dibrugarh on Friday | PTI

Asked by students about unemployment and the Congress party's plans to tackle it, Gandhi said the priority if voted to power will be to first fill up vacant posts and focus on sectors like health and education for creating new jobs.

Gandhi reiterated that if voted to power, Congress will hike the daily wage of Assam's tea garden workers from ₹167 to ₹365. "Daily wage of ₹365 is my guarantee. The way we waived off the loans of farmers in Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, we will give you that wage if we are voted to power," Gandhi said. His message was directed at a group of tea workers present at a rally in Chabua in the district of Dibrugarh.

PLEA IN SC

'Drop name & party symbol from EVMs'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

A plea has been filed before the Supreme Court, seeking directions to the Election Commission to stop the practice of having party symbols on ballot and Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), and replace them with name, age, educational qualification and photo of candidates.

The petition filed by advocate Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay came up for hearing before a bench headed by CJI SA Bobde, who directed that a copy of the plea be served on Attorney General KK Venugopal and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta. He didn't issue a formal notice.

The petition argued that ballot and EVM, without party symbols, will help electors support intelligent, diligent and honest candidates.

US defence secy hails India's leadership role

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

US Defence Secretary **Lloyd J Austin** on Friday commended India's leadership role in the Indo-Pacific and growing engagement with like-minded partners across the strategically important region to promote shared goals.

As part of his larger Indo-Pacific visits, Austin reached India on Friday, with plans of meeting the senior decision makers of the country, aiming to further strengthen ties between the two countries.

Austin also met Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "During the meeting, Modi outlined his vision for the strategic partnership between the two countries and emphasised the important role of bilateral defence cooperation in Indo-US ties," a PMO statement said. Austin's two-day visit ends on Saturday. Apart from Indo-Pacific and other security challenges, talks are also said to cover Indo-US defence co-operation and upcoming defence deals between the two.

Austin also met National Security Advisor Ajit Doval to discuss security challenges in the region, including Afghanistan and Indo-Pacific. In a series of meetings, Austin will be calling on Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, with an aim to discuss ways to further enhance bilateral ties, including defence between the US and India. It's the first high-level visit after President Joe Biden won the elections and formed the government in US.

"Secretary Austin reiterated the US government's continued commitment towards strengthening the bilateral defence relations between the two countries. He expressed US' strong desire to further enhance the strategic partnership for peace, stability and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond," said the PMO statement.

Austin embarked on his Indo-Pacific visits on March 13.

For how many generations will reservation continue? SC

NEW DELHI: For how many generations would reservations in jobs and education continue, the Supreme Court sought to know during the Maratha quota case hearing on Friday and raised concerns over 'resultant inequality' in case the overall 50 per cent limit was to be removed.

A five-judge Constitution bench headed by Justice Ashok Bhushan was told by advocate Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for Maharashtra, that the Mandal judgment on capping the quota needed a re-look. He said the courts should leave it to states to fix reservation quotas. "If there is no 50 per cent or no limit, what is the concept of equality then. We will ultimately have to deal with it. What is your reflection on that... What about the resultant inequality. How many generations will you continue," observed the bench. *ENS*

Rawat apologises jeans remarks

DEHRADUN: Uttarakhand CM Tirath Singh Rawat on Friday apologised for his "ripped jeans" remarks on women after facing severe criticism.

"Everyone is free to wear whatever they want. Everyone can wear any cloth of their choice. I apologise if my comments have hurt anyone," the newly appointed CM said at a meeting with journalists.

"I remember, when we used to go to school with ripped/torn clothes, we would hide the ripped part from our teachers. Now, children buy jeans for ₹2,000-₹4,000 and rip them off with using scissors," Rawat said.

Speaking at an even on Tuesday, Rawat had said due to a lack of values, youngsters today are following strange fashion trends. *ENS*

UP emerged as India's growth engine in last 4 years: Yogi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Lucknow

UTTAR Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday said the mantra of "reform, perform and transform" in the last four years helped his government make the state the second biggest economy in the country.

Addressing the media in Lucknow on completing four years in office, the CM said Uttar Pradesh has emerged as an "engine of growth" for the country under the BJP government and accused the previous regimes of not taking the initiative to improve the state's condition. He added that it was the same UP where earlier, no festival could be celebrated peacefully. "On the contrary, there have been noriots in the state in the last four years," he said.

He also claimed that the perception about the state had changed during his tenure and that it had emerged as one of the most sought after destinations for investment, adding that UP had logged an investment of ₹3 lakh crore of the proposals worth ₹4.6 lakh crore promised during the investor's summit in February 2018. "While earlier, no one wanted to come to the state because of a sense of insecurity, there is no fear now," he said.

The CM also said his government's zero-tolerance policy towards crime and criminals had shown positive results in the past four years.

PUNJAB CM ON BAJWA

Reacting to Pakistan Army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa's remarks that it was time for India and Pakistan to "bury the past and move forward", Punjab CM Amarinder Singh said he should back his rhetoric on peace with solid action

2 LION CUBS FOUND DEAD NEAR GIR SANCTUARY

INDIA	Max	Min	INDIA	Max	Min
Ahmedabad	39	21	Mumbai	31	24
Bhopal	36	18	Panaji	33	24
Jaipur	35	20	Patna	35	19
Amritsar	30	14	Lucknow	34	18
Chennai	33	23	Port Blair	32	24
Kolkata	36	25	Imphal	31	11
Srinagar	19	05	Chandigarh	34	16

Maha mess with highest ever daily spike, further clampdown imposed

Theatres and all private offices in Maharashtra to operate at 50% capacity; locking down option on table, says Uddhav; Punjab too announces curbs; lockdown in three MP cities

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA, SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI & HARPREET BAJWA New Delhi/Mumbai/Chandigarh

AMID a explosion of Covid-positive cases, Maharashtra and Punjab on Friday announced strict state-wide curbs and Madhya Pradesh imposed restrictions in three major cities even as the Centre expressed concerns over some states not sending samples for genetic sequencing of the virus, as directed.

Covid-19 cases in the country grew by over 100% in five weeks. A total 39,726 fresh cases were registered on Friday, the highest since early December, while active cases have crossed 2.71 lakh, registering a growth of 103% since February 11. Eight states are showing an upward trajectory, with Maharashtra, Punjab, Karnataka, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh together accounting for more than 80% of the daily new cases.

While a worried Centre has advised states to ramp up RT-PCR testing, a few states rushed to tighten Covid curbs. Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray directed that employee's attendance in private offices be reduced to 50%. Theatres and auditoriums, too, have been asked to operate at 50% capacity till March 31. Establishments related to health and other essentials services and manufacturing sector will be, however, exempted from the curbs. The order came a day after Maharashtra reported a single-day surge of 25,833 cases, the highest ever in the state since the beginning of the pandemic. Till now, the highest count of new cases in the state was 24,896 in September last.

Punjab also brought back similar restrictions. Beginning Saturday, educational institutions, barring medical and nursing colleges, will remain closed till March 31, cinema halls will be allowed to function at 50% capacity and not more than 100 persons will be allowed in malls at a time. Chief Minister Amarinder Singh also appealed to the people to keep social activity to the bare minimum to break the transmission chain. Not more than 10 visitors should be entertained at home, he added.

In Madhya Pradesh, lockdowns have been ordered in three big cities — Indore, Bhopal and Jabalpur — from Saturday 10 pm to Monday 6 am, though essential services and industries will be exempted. All schools and colleges in these cities will remain closed till March 31. MP on Friday reported 1,140 new cases, its highest this year.

Uddhav said the fresh case count has gone past last year's peak. A harsh lockdown, he added, is one of the options but as of now the government expected more discipline from the people.

A worker collects a swab sample from a resident of Dharavi, in Mumbai on Friday | PTI

Chances of getting re-infected with Covid minimal: Study

New Delhi: A latest study has shown that reinfection in Covid-19 is rare and natural infection appears to elicit strong protection against reinfection with an efficacy of nearly 95 per cent for at least seven months. This comes a day after a research published in the Lancet said that while those with previous history of infection may be protected for a long time, protection drops dramatically for people over the age of 65. The study called "SARS-CoV-2 reinfection in a cohort of 43,000 antibody-positive individuals followed for up to 35 weeks" done in Qatar, has shown that while the incidence rate of reinfection was 0.66 per 10,000 people in those who were antibody positive, it was 2.15 per 10,000 people in those never infected before.

Railways will never be privatised: Goyal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE government on Friday assured the Rajya Sabha that railways infrastructure will never be privatised, but it revealed plans to monetise railway assets to generate resources and boost growth.

Railways Minister Piyush Goyal said passenger train operations taken up through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) is aimed at bringing a total investment of about ₹30,000 crore.

Speaking during the Question Hour, Goyal said the Railway Ministry has plans to monetise its assets, including through Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors, after commissioning, induction of 150 modern rakes through PPP, station redevelopment through PPP, railway land parcels, multi-functional complexes (MFC), railway colonies, hill railways and stadiums.

"Asset monetisation would help in generating more resources for infrastructure creation. Passenger train operations were taken up through PPP is targeted to bring a total investment of about ₹30,000 crore," Goyal said.

Union Railways Minister Piyush Goyal speaks in the Rajya Sabha on Friday | PTI

In response to a supplementary question asked by opposition leader Jairam Ramesh, the minister said the Congress leader seems to not understand the difference between privatisation and monetisation.

"When you privatise, you sell off the assets permanently, and it no more remains a part of the government ownership. In the railways, the plan is to monetise in terms of how it will generate resources, further investment and growth. The infrastructure of Indian Railways will never be privatised," Goyal said.

The minister said dedicated freight corridors are a separate corporate entity and the railways is supporting them.

"The railways is supporting but is not the owner of tracks that the DFC is laying. If we raise funds by leasing them, giving them out to the private sector to use in the interim period we are doing a service to the nation," he said.

Phone-tapping: BJP targets Rajasthan govt

BJP general secretary and Rajya Sabha member Bhupender Yadav hit out at the Congress government in Rajasthan on Friday over the phone-tapping case, accusing it of violating people's constitutional rights to their privacy.

Speaking to reporters, he said the state government has itself acknowledged that phones had been tapped and claimed that not only the common citizens but also Congress members were at the receiving end of the exercise. Yadav said the Constitution provide every citizen rights to his or her privacy, and the government's job is to protect those rights.

What the state government has done violated the Constitution and constitutional norms.

Centre questions methodology of hunger index

NEW DELHI: The government on Friday questioned the methodology and data accuracy of the Global Hunger Index (GHI) report, alleging that children considered healthy were also counted to determine the ranking.

Union Minister of State for Agriculture **Parshottam Rupala** also informed the Rajya Sabha that the government had written to NGO Welthungerhilfe, which compiles the report, expressing concerns about their methodology, data accuracy and sample size and was yet to hear from them.

Rupala made the statement while responding to a question by the AAP's Sanjay Singh, who said the minister's written reply showed that India's ranking had improved from 102 in 2019 to 94 in 2020.

Singh asked the minister about India's poor ranking as to why India was ranked below countries such as Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar when it was among the top 10 food-producing countries in the world.

Rupala replied: "Some NGO has done the survey. We have asked them on what basis have reached this conclusion? They have not replied yet. Whenever a street dog gives birth in our village, even though it bites, our women provide them with sheer (sweet dish). So, in a country where such a tradition exists, and an NGO comes and releases such a report about our children, we should not be sensitive to such reports. As far as these surveys are concerned, even healthy and strong children are counted...there should be awareness in society, our dynamic minister Smriti (Irani) ji has started a Jan Andolan, and 13 crore events have been done."

India was ranked at the 94th position out of 107 countries that were studied. *ENS*

After Antilia, NIA likely to take over Hiren case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

AMID intense opposition pressure on the Maharashtra government, the NIA is likely to take over the probe of Mansukh Hiren death case that is linked to the bomb scare outside Mukesh Ambani's residence.

The central agency is already investigating the case of explosive-laden SUV being found near Antilia last month and had arrested encounter specialist Mumbai police officer Sachin Waze in this connection. Since the two cases are interlinked, opposition BJP has been demanding that the Hiren death case should also be handed over to the NIA. Waze, alleged to be involved in both cases, is currently suspended.

Maharashtra home minister Anil Deshmukh met NCP chief Sharad Pawar in Delhi on Friday and briefed him about the developments related to the two cases. Deshmukh, whose handling of the entire affair has come under scrutiny, said the police would cooperate with the NIA in the entire case. "NIA and ATS (Maharashtra Anti-Terrorist Squad) both are probing the case. Whoever is guilty will be punished... Necessary action will be taken by the state government after the NIA completes its probe," he said. Two senior NIA officials — Inspector General Anil Shukla and Superintendent of Police Vikram Khalate — met the new Mumbai police commissioner Hemant Nagrale on Friday afternoon. Also, a forensic team from Pune reached Mumbai on Friday to investigate the vehicles, shirt, bottles etc. seized by the NIA team.

Meanwhile, a Thane sessions court denied relief to Waze and adjourned his anticipatory bail application filed in connection with Hiren's death for hearing on March 30. A special NIA court in Mumbai also rejected his plea to meet his lawyers privately while in NIA custody. The agency told the court that the officer was not cooperating in investigation.

Waze is in NIA custody till March 25. The ATS has also demanded his custody. As per Waze's call records and CCTV footage obtained by the ATS, the officer met Hiren twice before the bomb scare incident. CCTV footage recovered from a spot near CSMT showed that the two had met on February 17, the day Hiren's SUV was allegedly stolen, an ATS official said. Waze and Hiren came separately, sat in a Mercedes (which has since been seized by the NIA) for about 10 minutes and then left. The ATS suspects that Hiren handed over the SUV's keys to Waze during this meeting, sources said.

Marathi manoos agenda evident in cop selection

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has been pitching the son of the soil — *Marathi manoos* — agenda while appointing top administrative and police officials in the state.

After the arrest of API Sachin Waze, Thackeray shunted out Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh and brought back the DG of Maharashtra Police, **Hemant Nagrale** into the fold. Another Marathi, Vishwas Nagare Patil was earlier appointed Joint Police Commissioner (law and order), while Milind Bharambe became Joint Commissioner (crime). Maharashtra's chief secretary Sitaram Kunte is also a Marathi manoos.

Before Nagrale was appointed Police Commissioner, the NCP had almost zeroed in on Rajnish Seth for the post. "But the CM overruled and insisted *Marathi manoos* Nagrale be the man for the job. When Singh was chosen earlier, Thackeray was reluctant. But NCP chief Sharad Pawar insisted on him. Thackeray is keen on the *Marathi manoos* concept, which helps him expand his party base," said a source. Sanjay Pandey, Maharashtra's senior-most cop, had slammed the Maha Vikas Aghadi government for ending his career. He had said he was the senior-most and still not appointed commissioner. He was given the insignificant posting of head of Maharashtra state security cooperation. In a complaint to Thackeray, Pandey had said injustice had been done to him.

Surendra Jhondale, professor of political science at Mumbai University, said Shiv Sena was born with the Marathi manoos agenda. Now that they are in the government, they are pursuing it more aggressively. "But Thackeray is also checking out the efficiency and uprightness of the officers while appointing them in crucial posts. This government is constantly fighting with the powerful government at the Centre. So Thackeray and Pawar need trusted lieutenants who will not succumb to Delhi's pressure," said Jondhale.

NSA slapped on cook for spitting on dough

Caught in the act: Spitting on rotis

Naushad was arrested in February after a video clip showing his disgusting and unhygienic act went viral on social media. The video caught him spitting on rotis before putting them in the tandoor for the dinner at a wedding on February 16

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

THE Uttar Pradesh government has invoked the National Security Act (NSA) against a cook who was arrested for spitting on the dough while making rotis at a wedding function in Meerut district of western UP last month.

According to the police, the cook, Naushad, had been booked under NSA to stop him from getting bail as his release could create a law and order situation.

Naushad was arrested by Meerut police in February after a video clip showing his disgusting and unhygienic act went viral on social media. The video, shot by one of the guests at the wedding at Aroma Garden, Lishari Gate in Meerut, caught Naushad spitting on the rotis before putting them in the tandoor for the dinner at the function on February 16.

After the video went viral on social media, Sachin Sirohi, a social activist associated with Hindu Jagran Manch, led a protest at Lala Lajpat Rai Medical College Police Station.

This was followed by the registration of a case against Naushad under the Epidemic Act and relevant sections of IPC on February 19. He was arrested and sent to jail. During the investigation, the police found the charge against Naushad true.

Meerut SSP Ajay Sahni said, "The NSA was slapped against him as his release from the jail might create law and order problems in the city."

Ladakh parties demand 6th Schedule of Constitution

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

THE Apex Committee of the Peoples Movement of Ladakh, a powerful platform representing various politicians, religious and social organisations, has demanded for Bodoland-like 6th Schedule of the Constitution with legislative powers for protection and safeguarding interests of the local population.

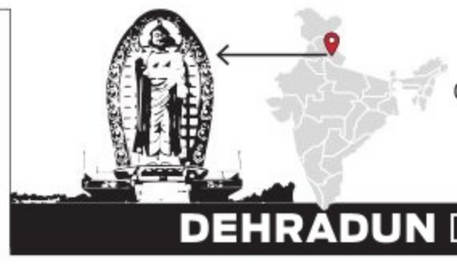
Committee member and ex-minister Chering Dorje Lakrook told this newspaper that the panel's main demand is granting of 6th Schedule status to Ladakh. "The government has kept panchayati raj in the Bodoland 6th Schedule, but panchayats have not been formed. We want Bodoland-type 6th Schedule with the panchayati raj system," he said.

The apex committee was formed last year to demand the 6th Schedule for Ladakh after the scrapping of Articles 370 and 35A in August 2019 that granted special status and privileges to J&K residents. The committee, headed by former BJP MP Thupstan Chhewang, has been holding talks with the Union Home Ministry-led panel headed by MoS Home GK Reddy on the issue.

Dorje said the Centre wanted to introduce a domicile law for Ladakh, on the pattern of the domicile law introduced in J&K last year, but they opposed it. "Under the 6th Schedule, only local tribals can apply for jobs, while no outsider can purchase the government or private land," he said.

Women empowerment in fight against forest fire

Uttarakhand will soon induct 10,000 firefighters to tackle forest fire in the state. Of them, 5,000 will be women. The decision was taken by Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat earlier this week, in an attempt to empower women. "The women are heart and soul of our hills of Uttarakhand. Inclusion of our brave women will make the forest firefighters more efficient," he said. Uttarakhand lost more than 290 hecatres of forest with 5500 trees, amounting to losses of `9.71 lakh between October-December 2020 in 235 incidents. Fire season starts from February and ends generally in June 15 with the arrival of monsoons.



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DEHRADUN DIARY

Gender budget for legal battles against in-laws

In an attempt to strengthen and empower the women of Uttarakhand, the state government has allocated `3.6 crore for legal assistance for women fighting against in-laws in its 'gender budget'. The 'gender budget' has been designed specifically with the purpose of spending the money allocated towards providing assistance to women. This assictance can cover economical, health and other aspects of life. Last year, the allocation for gender budget in the state was `6204.56 crore. This was increased by the state government to `7783.50 crore in this year's budget, which is a rise of `1578 crore. Other than reasons mentioned above, this will also be provided to those women who are fighting litigations against their husbands or in-laws in the courts of law.

Kedarnath chopper service to resume in April

Online bookings for Kedarnath chopper services will resume from April 1. Ashish Chauhan, CEO of Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority (UCADA), said it is also being considered whether chopper service can be started from three more locations — Pithoragarh, Gauchar and Chinyalisaur. The chopper service at present to the Kedarnath shrine is operational from Sirsi, Phata and Guptkashi towns in the district of Rudraprayag. Those who avail of this service have to make halts at these three places. It has been a big hit with pilgrims.

24 temples listed for Shaiva Circuit tour

The Department of Tourism of the Uttarakhand government has drawn up a list of 24 Shiva temples from the Garhwal and Kumaon regions. The plan is to prepare and introduce a Shaiv Circuit for the benefit of the devotees and other travellers, who visit the hill state from different parts of India and foreign countries. A total 12 temples from the Garhwal division and as many from the Kumaon division have been selected for this circuit. Known as Devbhoomi among the locals, this chain of temples will offer visitors a comprehensive tour of the places of worship.

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ANEKAL 0802783050 5 **FEDGL008**80001056, 0001115, 0001118, 0001123, 0001102, 0001110, 0001077, 0001082, 0001128, 0001211, 0001191, 0001192, 0001217, 0001229, 0001231, 0001233, 0001240, 0001248, 0001255, 0001265, 0001268, 0001274, 0001291, 0001292, 0001309, 0001314, 0001323, 0001333, 0001343, 0001351, 0001375, 0001388, 0001390, 0001392, 0001416, 0001439, 0001441, 0001451, 0001454, 0001457, 0001461, 0001462, 0001473, 0001484, 0001491, 0001498, 0001499, 0001502, 0001507, 0001506, 0001531, 0001551, 0001552, 0001559, 0001561, 0001564, 0001572, 0001585, 0001587, 0001586, 0001590, 0001593, 0001611, 0001619, 0001649, **ARAKALGUD** 08175220780 **FEDGL003**60002731, 0002816, 0002960, 0003009, 0003163, 0003178, 0003132, 0003105, 0003328, 0003340, 0003319, 0003288, 0003229, 0003232, 0003233, 0003207, 0003239, 0003244, 0003250, 0003278, 0003245, 0003281, 0003524, 0003243, 0003535, 0003536, 0003483, 0003354, 0003388, 0003390, 0003392, 0003394, 0003361, 0003406, 0003436, 0003419, 0003427, 0003430, 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Beijing	14	2	SNY	Los Angeles	19	8	SNY
Colombo	29	25	TDS	Melbourne	27	16	LC
Dhaka	35	24	SNY	Moscow	-1	-6	LC
Dubai	26	17	SNY	New York	3	-4	LC
Houston	31	23	SNY	Singapore	32	24	TDS
Istanbul	12	6	LC	Toronto	11	1	SNY
London	11	6	LC	Washington	14	1	SNY

9 shot dead in Myanmar

BBC journalist missing as junta goes after country's press corps

YANGON

MYANMAR'S security forces shot dead at least nine anti-coup protesters on Friday in the central town of Aungban, Reuters reported quoting witnesses and local media.

"Security forces came to remove barriers but the people resisted and they fired," a witness told the UK wire service by phone.

On Friday, a Burmese journalist with the BBC's Myanmar language news service went missing, as civilians fled the coup-hit country's largest city after the junta's deadly crackdown on dissent.

The junta has also gone after the country's press corps, revoking the licenses of five independent local broadcasting services, raiding newsrooms, and arresting journalists working to cover the news.

The BBC's official press Twitter account released a statement on its "missing" journalist, Aung Thura. "We are extremely concerned about our BBC News Burmese Reporter, Aung Thura, who was taken away by unidentified men," it said.

The British broadcaster said he disappeared around mid-day, and that it was doing everything it could to locate him. "We call on the authorities to help locate him and confirm that he is safe," the statement added.

Local media outlet *Mizzima* also said that one of its reporters, Than Htike Aung, was "arrested" in the capital Naypyidaw on Friday, according to its official Facebook page.

Since the coup, more than 30 journalists have been arrested, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners monitoring group.

Among the detained is Thein Zaw, a photojournalist with the Associated Press, who has been charged with "causing fear, spreading false news or agitating directly or indirectly a government employee". Even as security forces have deployed tear gas, rubber bullets and live rounds to quell dissent, demonstrators across the country have pushed on to demand a return to democracy. The fresh violence brings the death toll in Myanmar since the coup to near 230, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners monitoring group.

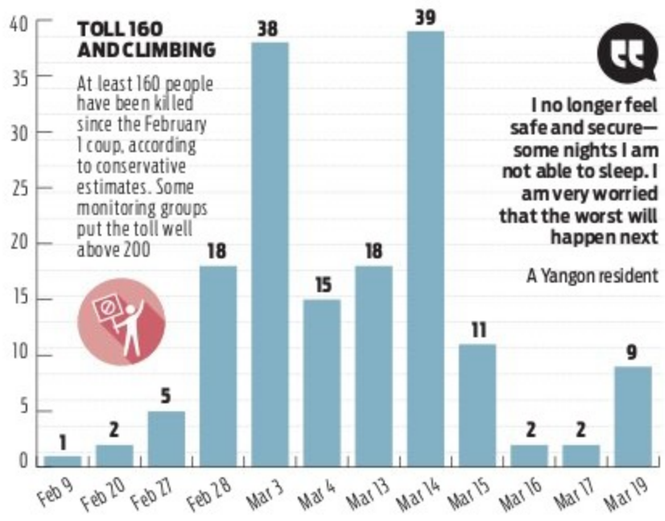
Yangon, Myanmar's former capital and commercial hub, remains one of the key spots of unrest—with the junta imposing martial law over six townships this week.

The move effectively puts nearly two million people under the direct control of military commanders.

But, much of Yangon has descended into chaos, with security forces patrolling and opening fire randomly in residential areas—like Tamwe and Thaketa, both hard-hit protest areas, on Friday.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo on Friday urged a halt to the violence. Widodo said that he will immediately contact the sultan of Brunei, which holds the rotating presidency of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations, to set up a special summit to address Myanmar's turmoil. *Agencies*

Anti-coup protesters run for cover as Myanmar secuirty forces fire tear gas during a crackdown in Yangon on Friday | AFP



Fire after drones attack Saudi oil facility

RIYADH

A drone attack struck an oil installation in Saudi Arabia's capital of Riyadh on Friday, the Saudi state-run news agency reported, igniting a blaze at the facility deep inside the kingdom's territory.

The dawn attack caused no injuries or damage, and did not disrupt oil supplies, according to the Saudi Press Agency.

The kingdom is facing more frequent airborne assaults as Saudi-led coalition forces battle Iran-backed Houthi rebels across the southern border in Yemen. Most recently, drones struck Ras Tanura, the country's largest crude oil refinery with capacity of 5,50,000 barrels a day, raising concerns about the expanding capabilities of Saudi Arabia's regional foes. Details about Friday's attack remained slim, and authorities did not name the impacted facility. Aramco, the kingdom's oil giant, does have a refinery just southeast of Riyadh. That refinery produces gasoline, diesel, jet fuel and other products for consumption around the kingdom's capital. Saudi Aramco, the state-owned oil company that now has a sliver of its worth traded publicly on the stock market, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The international crude benchmark, Brent, rose to over $62 a barrel. Aramco stock fell 0.85% Friday on Riyadh's Tadawul stock exchange. But a few hours earlier, Houthi military spokesman Brigadier Gen Yehia Sarie reported the group had fired six drones at an unnamed Aramco facility in Riyadh.

While Houthi-claimed attacks on Saudi Arabia rarely cause damage, strikes on major oil facilities in the kingdom, the world's largest oil exporter, raise the risk of a disruption in world oil supplies.

In the fall of 2019, a drone and missile attack struck two key Saudi oil installations and halted about half of the country's oil supplies. Although the Houthis claimed responsibility, both Washington and Riyadh blamed Tehran for the attack.

An Aramco oil facility near al-Khurj area, south of the Saudi capital Riyadh | AFP

ASIA MATTERS

NEPAL

Prachanda faction pushes for revival of party committees

Upping the ante against Nepal Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli, the rival faction of the ruling CPN-UML party has decided to launch a nationwide campaign to revive and reorganise all the party committees the way they were before its merger with the CPN-Maoist Centre led by Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda", according to media reports on Friday. The rival faction of the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist Leninist), led by Madhav Kumar Nepal and Jhala Nath Khanal, decided to form the parallel party committees after the conclusion of the two-day national gathering of the over 4,000 party leaders and cadres close to the faction held on Thursday, according to a media report. They alleged that Oli was bent on splitting it

PAKISTAN

First 1,100MW N-plant connected to national grid

Pakistan has connected its first Chinese-assisted 1,100MW nuclear power plant in Karachi to the national grid that will help improve the country's economy by providing cost-effective and reliable electricity. The newly-built 1,100MW Karachi Nuclear Power Plant Unit-2 (K-2) was linked with the national grid on Thursday night. The Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission in a statement termed it a 'Pakistan Day' gift to the nation. K-2 is the first nuclear power plant in Pakistan with a generation capacity of 1,100MW

BANGLADESH

Followers of Islamist group attack Hindus

Supporters of an Islamist advocacy group in Bangladesh attacked and vandalised 70 to 80 houses of Hindus in the country's northeastern Sylhet division following a social media post allegedly by a youth from the minority community, media reports said on Friday. The attack on a Hindu village by several thousand followers of Hefazat-e-Islam's leader Mamunul Haque took place in Shalla upazila of Sunamganj district in Sylhet division on Wednesday, the *Dhaka Tribune* newspaper reported. Haque's supporters from Kashipur, Nachni, Chandipur and some other Muslim-populated villages gathered in Noagaon village and attacked the homes of local Hindus with sticks and other weapons

North Korea breaks up with Malaysia over US extradition

SEOUL

NORTH Korea severed diplomatic ties with Malaysia on Friday, abruptly ending a once-close relationship that soured following the assassination of Kim Jong Un's half-brother in a Kuala Lumpur airport four years ago.

Pyongyang's foreign ministry said it was responding to Malaysia's extradition of a North Korean citizen to the US this week—a move it labelled an "unpardonable crime" carried out under "blind obedience" to US pressure.

Malaysia had been one of the nuclear-armed state's few allies until Kim Jong Nam was murdered with a banned nerve agent as he waited to catch a flight from Kuala Lumpur.

Relations plunged after the Cold War-style hit but had started to get back on track, with Malaysia announcing plans to re-open its Pyongyang embassy. That all changed on Friday.

North Korea's foreign ministry announced the "total severance of the diplomatic relations with Malaysia", according to state news agency KCNA, saying the citizen being extradited had been involved in "legitimate" trading activities in Singapore.

It came after a visit by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Pentagon chief Lloyd Austin to South Korea, the second leg of an Asian tour to bolster a united front against the North and an increasingly assertive China.

On March 9 a North Korean man named Mun Chol Myong lost his final appeal in Malaysia's top court against extradition to the US to face money laundering charges.

North Korea operated embassies in about 25 countries as of December last year, including Cuba, Iran, Germany, and its key ally China. *AFP*

TECH TROUBLE

FB platforms including Insta, WhatsApp hit by mass outage

PARIS

SOCIAL media platforms Whatsapp, Instagram and Facebook Messenger all went down in a major outage around 1730 GMT (11 pm IST) on Friday, according to the tech monitoring website Downdetector.

However, shortly after 1800 GMT, several Whatsapp users said on social media that they were able to again send messages on the app.

Instagram also came back after about an hour.

All three sites belong to US social giant Facebook, which was unable to immediately provide information on the extent and length of the problem. The cause of the outage, or its full extend were not known.

Downdetector received thousands of complaints from users worldwide, with most of them reporting difficulties in sending messages over WhatsApp. Thousands of users flooded Twitter with memes about the outage with #Whatsappdown and #Instagramdown trending.

WhatsApp tweeted, "Thanks for your patience, that was a long 45 minutes but we are back!" soon after it was restored. Facebook's Gaming platform tweeted, "There are a number of issues currently affecting Facebook products, including gaming streams. Multiple teams are working on it, and we'll update you when we can."

In March 2019, Facebook Inc was hit by one of the largest outages in history with all its app down for more tjhan a day.

SPARKS FLY AT FIRST U.S.-CHINA MEET UNDER BIDEN

ANCHORAGE

AMERICAN and Chinese diplomats clashed on Thursday in their first face-to-face talks since President Joe Biden took office, with the world's top two powers digging in on a laundry list of issues on which they diverge broadly as the meeting opened in Alaska.

China's actions "threaten the rules-based order that maintains global stability," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said at the opening of the two-day meeting in Anchorage.

The US side will "discuss our deep concerns with actions by China, including Xinjiang," where Washington has accused Beijing of "genocide" against Uyghur Muslims, Blinken told the Chinese Communist Party's top diplomatic official, Yang Jiechi, and Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

He added that there would be dialogue on "Hong Kong, Taiwan, cyberattacks on the United States, economic coercion toward our allies."

Beijing was equally sharp in its response. "China is firmly opposed to US interference in China's internal affairs," Yang warned. "We will take firm actions in response."

Wang denounced the latest US sanctions against senior Chinese officials over what Washington considers Beijing's quashing of Hong Kong's freedoms, announced on the eve of the talks.

"This is not supposed to be the way one should welcome his guests," Wang said.

Tensions between Washington and Beijing remain high after relations were pitched into turmoil during Donald Trump's presidency, which saw a damaging trade war and spats over everything from defense to tech and rights in Hong Kong.

With its frigid temperatures and a remote, Pacific location, Anchorage was considered a more neutral meeting ground than Washington or Beijing for the three-session talks that finish Friday morning.

But expectations are limited on both sides and the tone set by the opening statement confirmed the depth of the divide between the rivals.

Their last meeting in June did nothing to help thaw frosty relations.

Biden has maintained a tough line on China, and Blinken has said it represents America's "biggest geopolitical test of the 21st century."

Still, the Biden team has said it wants to engage diplomatically on the world stage, in a pivot from Trump's isolationist and ally-berating stance. *AFP*

US delegation (right) headed by Secretary of State Anthony Blinken holds talks with Chinese representatives in Alaska on Thursday | AFP

Polls put Netanyahu in a spot of bother

A final batch of polls by Israeli media outlets on Friday showed a razor-thin election, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's fate likely depending on the performance of small parties and a former ally who has criticised him of late

ADVANTAGE OPPOSITION

The polls show Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party in the lead, projecting that it will win around 30 seats in the 120-member Knesset

An alliance with his natural allies, the ultra-Orthodox parties and a small far-right party, would only yield around 50 seats

The opposition parties are together projected to win 56-60 seats, also just short of a majority

FOURTH ELECTION IN TWO YEARS

Israel, which goes to the polls on Tuesday, has had four elections in two years, as political parties struggle to form or maintain coalition governments

BENNETT LIKELY KINGMAKER

- The most likely kingmaker appears to be Naftali Bennett, a right-wing former ally of Netanyahu whose party is projected to win around 10 seats. He has not ruled out joining either camp
- Mansour Abbas, the leader of an Arab Islamist party, is also uncommitted, but polls are divided on whether his party will win four seats or fall below the electoral threshold

50
seats projected for Netanyahu and allies in the 120-strong Knesset. Opposition poised to win 56-60

FALL OF GANTZ

Netanyahu's main challenger in the three previous elections, centrist Benny Gantz, was punished by supporters for joining a Netanyahu-led coalition last year and is facing political extinction

In May, Netanyahu and Gantz formed a unity government, declaring that the unprecedented health and economic threats from the pandemic required political stability

Their coalition, which had been set to last three years, collapsed in December when Netanyahu's refusal to approve a 2021 budget forced new elections

Tanzania gets its first female president

DAR ES SALAAM

SAMIA Suluhu Hassan was on Friday sworn in as Tanzania's first female president after her predecessor, John Magufuli, died suddenly from a mystery-shrouded illness.

Wearing a bright red headscarf, Hassan, who is Muslim, was sworn in at a ceremony in Dar es Salaam.

"I can assure Tanzanians that there is nothing that will go wrong during this time. We will start where Magufuli ended," she said in a brief speech.

"Let us all be patient and unite as we move forward."

She becomes the only other current serving female head of state in Africa alongside Ethiopia's Sahle-Work Zewde, whose role is mainly ceremonial. *PTI*

Taliban talks tough, asks US to keep pullout deal

MOSCOW

THE Taliban warned Washington on Friday against defying a May 1 deadline for the withdrawal of US and NATO troops from Afghanistan, promising a "reaction," which could mean increased attacks by the insurgent group.

The Taliban issued their warning at a press conference in Moscow, the day after meeting with senior Afghan government negotiators and international observers to try to jumpstart a stalled peace process to end decades of war.

US President Joe Biden told ABC in an interview on Wednesday that the May 1 deadline "could happen, but it is tough," adding that if the deadline is extended it won't be by "a lot longer".

"They should go," Suhail Shaheen, a member of the Taliban negotiation team, told reporters, warning that staying beyond May 1 would breach the deal. "After that, it will be a kind of violation of the agreement."

He did not elaborate on what form the "reaction" would take, but in keeping with the agreement they signed in February 2020, the Taliban have not attacked the US or NATO forces, even as unclaimed bombings and targeted killings have spiked in recent months. "We hope that this will not happen, that they withdraw and we focus on the settlement, peaceful settlement of the Afghan issue, in order to bring about a permanent and comprehensive ceasefire at the end of reaching a political roadmap (for) Afghanistan," Shaheen said.

He also reaffirmed that the Taliban were firm on their demand for an Islamic government. *AP*

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
641.72 ▲	Sensex	49,858.2	₹10 ▼	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,635	₹700 ▼	Per kg	₹71,800	◆	Dollar	72.52
186.15 ▲	Nifty	14,744	₹9 ▼	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,249	₹0.70 ▼	Per gm	₹71.8	▼	Euro	86.47

Bank credit growth may have bottomed out at 6.6%: RBI

SUNITHA NATTI

CREDIT growth of scheduled commercial banks appears to have bottomed out, according to official data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It grew at 6.6 per cent y-o-y as on February 26 as compared to 6.1 per cent last year. The growth comes after months of unpleasant deceleration in overall credit offtake and just weeks after the central bank flagged concerns about bleak lending to the industry, which accounts for the highest share in total bank lending at 29 per cent. The modest increase in credit growth also points to regaining economic momentum as household consumption makes the switch from 'essential-only' to discretionary spending.

Much of the growth was due to retail and agriculture lending and within retail, personal and gold loans saw significant increases. Within the personal loan segment, loans for consumer durables posted a robust growth of 14.6 per cent in January, while other personal loans grew at 12.2 per cent. In particular, personal loans against gold jewellery saw a staggering 132 per cent increase.

According to the latest RBI bulletin, the stabilisation in overall credit growth was evident in sectoral disbursement of bank credit. "Credit to agriculture, the brightest spot in sectoral credit offtake by the SCBs, which accounts for 13 per cent of the total credit disbursed in FY20 is rising steadily and grew at near double digits in January, 2021. Credit growth to the services sector was 8.4 per cent in January, propelled by credit disbursals to trade, tourism and transport sectors," it noted. That said, overall lending to industry remained in contraction, though credit growth to medium industry stood at 19.1 per cent in January (2.8 per cent a year ago), while micro and small industries inched close to 1 per cent (0.5 per cent in January, 2020).

Bank credit to large industries dragged down the overall credit to industry by banks as these firms, especially the high rated ones, took advantage of the prevailing low interest rate regime and borrowed from the market to pay off some of their high cost bank credit. Bank group-wise, growth in credit disbursed by public sector banks stabilised close to six per cent in 2021 (January-February), that of private sector and regional rural banks saw robust pickup to 8.6 per cent and 12.4 per cent, respectively in February, while contraction in credit growth of foreign banks tapered sequentially.

Govt permits non-executive directors' pay

New rules say that companies with losses or insufficient profits can pay independent or non-executive directors

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has issued a notification which says that public companies can compensate their non-executive directors and independent directors despite having losses or inadequate profits. However, the notification sets the limits on remuneration other than board meeting sitting fees of non-executive or independent directors of companies with no or insufficient profits from ₹12 lakh to a little more than ₹24 lakh a year depending on what is defined as the effective capital of the company. Earlier, the Rule 4 of the Companies Appointment and Remuneration of Managerial Personnel Rules, 2014 provided that sitting fees to an independent director or a director shall not exceed a sum of ₹1 lakh per meeting.

Section 32 of the Companies (Amendment) Act, 2020 seeks to amend Section 149 of Companies Act, 2013 wherein a provision was added which says, "Provided that if a company has no profits or its profits are inadequate, an independent director may receive remuneration, exclusive of any fees payable under sub-section (5) of section 197, in accordance with the provisions of Schedule V." To explain this, the notification has fixed limits of remuneration under Schedule V of the Companies Act, which would be payable to such directors depending upon the effective capital of the company. For companies having capital of less than ₹5 crore, the remuneration to independent directors is capped at ₹12 lakh a year and those with capital exceeding ₹250 crore are free to pay a small fraction of their effective capital over and above ₹24 lakh annual pay, while for companies with capital between ₹100 crore to ₹250 crore, the remuneration ceiling is ₹24 lakh.

Officials say that this was done as many companies were struggling to find directors and the fee was too low given the kind of responsibility and accountability they have in the revised corporate governance framework. Companies had requested the Finance Minister in this regard to allow them to pay the directors even when the company is making losses, which will allow them to find talent and help them appoint independent directors.

The revised rules will come into effect from March 18.

Incentive payout, proper infra key for implementation of Scrappage Policy

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE government's ambitious plan to replace older and polluting vehicles with newer and efficient ones is likely to face multiple challenges including incentivising owners and setting up Scrapping Centres across the country.

"Timely implementation of the Policy and incentive payout mechanism remain a key monitorable. Lack of infrastructure to handle scrapping of vehicles and recycling as per state pollution standard is a concern, which should be addressed," said Shamsher Dewan, VP & Group Head – Corporate Sector Ratings, ICRA. Dewan added that further clarity on valuation of scrap value of vehicle, trade ability of scrapping certificate etc. remain key for successful implementation and realising the true potential of the policy.

The government on Thursday announced details of Scrapping Policy, that includes tax incentives and direct benefit to owners.The Policy proposes to de-register commercial vehicles after 15 years and private vehicles after 20 years if they fail to pass the auto fitness test.

A senior executive at a Pune-based auto company said it would be interesting to see how owners of older vehicles would react once the policy is implemented.

"The owners of such vehicles are generally not wealthy. Either they make a living out of it or they are not in a position to buy newer models. Will they be okay with a 10 per cent benefit and update to a brand new model remains a big question," the executive said.

Meanwhile, Care Ratings in its observation said that the headwinds for implementation of the policy would be in the form of having more infrastructure in place to build organised scrapping centers, which currently India does not possess. It added, to further incentivise the consumer, there should be GST concessions on purchase of new vehicles, as tax rates in India on new automobiles are exorbitant.

ICRA estimates a total passenger vehicles population of 40.8 million, out of which about 1 million are over 20 years old. It added that, once implemented, the policy could result in about 10-12 per cent cost benefit for new car buyers.

ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

BOJ WIDENS YIELD BAND, PLEDGES TO BUY RISKY ASSETS

The Bank of Japan (BoJ) loosened its grip on long-term interest rates and laid the groundwork to taper its huge asset purchases, as part of steps to make its stimulus sustainable enough to weather a prolonged battle to fire up inflation. It would allow long-term interest rates to move up and down by 0.25 per cent around its 0 per cent target, instead of the current implicit band of 0.2 per cent. Allowing itself more room to wind down its massive stimulus, BoJ also removed explicit guidance to buy ETFs at an annual pace of roughly 6 trillion yen. Instead of buying at a set pace, it would step in only when markets destabilise under a 12-trillion-yen ceiling set last year when Covid-19 hit jolted stock prices. Governor Haruhiko Kuroda brushed aside the view that the moves were a prelude to a full-blown exit from years of ultra-easy policy, stressing that the tweaks instead would make his stimulus sustainable and more effective.

THAILAND

THAI CENTRAL BANK PLANS STABLECOINS REGULATIONS

Thailand's central bank may issue regulations on asset-backed stablecoins this year. The move comes after the Bank of Thailand (BoT) warned against a new baht-denominated stablecoin, THT, which it said could expose users to cyber thieves and money laundering. The BoT will regulate foreign currency-backed stablecoins, asset-backed stablecoins, and algorithmic stablecoins that are not illegal. The rules won't cover those without asset backing, such as Bitcoin or Ethereum and investors will have to take their own risks. Service providers of stablecoins will need central bank approval as they may be classified as electronic money and the BoT oversees risks associated with e-money such as settlement and money laundering, in line with guidelines across countries like Britain, Singapore, and Japan.

PAKISTAN

FOREIGN BORROWING RISES 12% TO $7 BN

Foreign lenders disbursed over $7 billion in loans during the first eight months of the current fiscal as Pakistan's reliance on expensive commercial loans increased again due to a decision to maintain forex through borrowings. China remains the largest creditor that gave $2.54 billion over one-third of the total new loans, excluding a $1.5 billion trade finance facility. During the July-February of fiscal year 2020-2021, the government obtained slightly over $7 billion in external loans from multiple financial sources. The gross loans were higher by 12 per cent or $757 million over the same period a year ago. In February, the government received $539 million in foreign loans, including $380 million from commercial banks, which were the most expensive ones. Of the $7 billion, $3.1 billion was on account of foreign commercial loans. Pakistan's reliance on foreign loans has almost doubled as there was a 73 per cent increase in commercial borrowing during the first eight months of FY21 as against the same period last last year.

Future Retail hints at challenging Delhi HC order

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KISHORE Biyani-led Future Retail on Friday said the order passed by the single-member bench of the Delhi High Court would have no impact on the NCLT proceedings for its ₹24,713 crore deal with Reliance Industries, while hinting that it may challenge the order by filing an appeal. In a regulatory filing, the company said that the promoters will take "appropriateremedies"against the Delhi HC order as advised over the directions passed by Justice J R Midha.

"We are advised that this order does not come in the way of the continuance of the ongoing NCLT proceedings, being inconsistent with the order dated February 22, 2021, of the Supreme Court," said Future Retail. It is to be pointed out that the portions of the operative part of this detailed order, already covered by the ad-interim order dated February 2, 2021, has been stayed by the Division Bench of Delhi High Court in an appeal filed by Future Retail. "Amazon has filed an appeal in the Supreme Court against the order passed by the Division Bench.

The Supreme Court, in its order in Amazon's appeal, has not vacated the stay granted by the Division Bench (which stay is still in operation). The apex court has directed in the meantime, the NCLT proceedings will be allowed to go on but will not culminate in any final order of sanction of scheme."

Shares of Future Retail were locked in the lower circuit on Friday after the Delhi HC ruling. Its shares opened at a fresh 52-week low of ₹55.85 on the BSE, down ₹6.2 or 9.9 per cent as against the previous close of ₹62.05. On the NSE, it opened at a record low of ₹55.90.

TCS to dole out second salary hike in six months

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

TATA Consultancy Services (TCS) became the first IT services firm to announce salary increments for its 4.7 lakh employees for FY22. Top sources privy to the development said that the hike would be in the range of 4-8 per cent.

This will also be the second salary hike announced by the IT major within a span of six months, despite the Covid-19 uncertainties, taking the cumulative increments to about 12-14 per cent. The salary increments will be effective April 2021. The announcement also comes ahead of the company's fourth quarter results for FY21, which experts say may offset the revenue margins even as deal wins by the IT services firm have remained steady over the last few quarters.

"We can confirm that we are on track to give increments to all associates across our geographies effective April 2021, in line with our benchmarks. We are extremely thankful to all our associates for demonstrating resilience, adaptability, and an innovative mindset to steer the company in these trying times. This step is a reflection of our steadfast commitment to our associates," TCS confirmed to this publication in an e-mailed statement.

The company has also offered promotions as per the regular cycles. The company recovered well from the two slow quarters of Q1 and Q2 of FY21 after the pandemic disrupted businesses globally. However, the third quarter of FY21 turned out to be the strongest for the IT giant in the last nine years with net profit rising by 7.1 per cent year-on-year. The attrition rate also slumped to a record low at 7.6 per cent and there was a net addition of 15,721 employees during the reviewed quarter.

COVID-19 SHOT

Stelis to supply 200 mn doses of Sputnik vaccine

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

STELIS Biopharma, the pharmaceutical arm of Bengaluru-headquartered Strides Pharma Science, will be making and supplying at least 200 million doses of Sputnik V, the Russian Covid-19 vaccine currently awaiting emergency authorisation in India. The company has partnered with Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) for the initiative and the parties intend to commence supplies in the July-September period.

"We are delighted to announce our agreement with Stelis Biopharma for a significant capacity of Sputnik V," RDIF Chief Executive Officer Kirill Dmitriev said. The significant vaccine volumes which will be produced jointly with Stelis will help to widen access to the vaccine on a global scale, he added. Stelis, which has partnered with the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF), is the latest in a growing list of Indian drug makers stepping up to boost the manufacturing capacity of this vaccine. To be sure, Stelis is the fourth Indian company to partner with RDIF for Sputnik V and will be the third manufacturer of the Russian vaccine in the country.

> **Sputnik V has a efficacy of 91.6%. The significant vaccine volumes which will be produced jointly with Stelis will help to widen access to the vaccine on a global scale**
>
> Kirill Dmitriev, CEO, RDIF

Separately, Stelis has also concluded its series B and series C rounds of funding for a cumulative amount of $195 million. The company said it will use the money to scale up its vaccine unit in Bengaluru to cater to multiple vaccine types including viral vector, protein subunit, RNA and DNA.

EXPRESS READ

Llistosella not joining as CEO: Tata Motors

New Delhi: Tata Motors on Friday said Marc Llistosella will not be joining as its CEO and Managing Director as was communicated earlier. The auto major had last month announced that Llistosella would be joining as CEO and MD of the firm with effect from July 1. Guenter Butschek will continue as the CEO and managing director till June 30, 2021. At present, the firm is in the process of hiving off the unit into a separate entity.

FICCI rubbishes claims in DPIIT meet

New Delhi: In a first, FICCI President Uday Shankar said Amazon's claims at a vital stakeholder-DPIIT meet on Friday were false and need to be rescinded. Shankar, in a terse distancing from Amazon's claims, said Ficci expects zero tolerance on creative interpretations of FDI norms.' Amazon is under ED investigation for violating the 'market place' covenant governing foreign e-tailers.

Reliance Jio rivals cement turnaround, adds to active subscriber base in Jan

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

JANUARY's telecom subscriber data confirms one fact—Reliance Jio's rivals have found their footing after their costly run-in with the AGR litigation. Not only did Vodafone Idea (Vi) manage to add to its gross subscribers for the first time in over a year, Bharti Airtel continued to beat the Mukesh Ambani-led firm in terms of active subscriber additions—widening the lead it had regained in terms of active subscribers the previous month (December).

While Jio still holds the lead in terms of gross subscribers, its low proportion of active subscribers has left it behind Airtel on the latter front.

Brokerage Motilal Oswal notes that Airtel has been consistently improving subscriber additions over the past two quarters, adding 29 million active subscribers since May 2020. This sharp turnaround has helped the company regain the lead in terms of active subscriber market share in January at 34.3 per cent. Jio, in contrast, has lost momentum during the same period, to the point where in December 2020, Airtel wrenched back the top spot in active subscriber base—a position it had lost several months earlier. During January, Airtel has widened the lead. During the month, the company added 6.9 million active subscribers taking its base to 336 million, while Jio's active subscribers fell by 3.5 million to 325 million.

In contrast, in terms of gross subscribers Jio has a market share of 35.3 per cent, Airtel 29.62 per cent, and Vodafone Idea 24.58 per cent. However, Jio had a significantly worse proportion of active subscribers—a metric in which Airtel scores the highest at 97.1 per cent, followed by Vi at 90.26 per cent, and Jio at 80.23 per cent.

Analysts from Emkay Global Financial Services Ltd say that the strong momentum over the past two quarters should continue to improve Bharti Airtel's revenue mix and support improvement in the average revenue per user—a key measure of profitability. But they also note that it will be crucial to see how Jio's numbers perform from this month, due to the new set of cheaper plans it rolled out for its JioPhone customers. "The traction in Jio's subscriber momentum from March 2021 onwards would be a key event to watch out for," JM Financial said in a report.

> **Airtel added a total of 29 million active subscribers since May 2020. With this, it has regained its top spot in terms of active subscriber market share at 34.3%** —Analysts at Motilal Oswal Financial Services

Goldman Sach expects crude oil to hit $80 this summer despite price pull back

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

RISING concerns over a resurgence in Covid-19 cases in certain European and Asian countries may have led to a 7 per cent fall in crude oil prices on Thursday, but investment banker Goldman Sachs believes that the pullback notwithstanding, Brent crude oil prices will resume increasing as global demand cranks up pace and will breach the $80 per barrel mark by this summer. The forecast is bad news for Indian customers, who have already been confronted with all time-high petrol and diesel prices—petrol rates even breached the ₹100 per litre mark in certain locations over the past few weeks.

While no price increase has been put into effect by oil marketing companies since February 27 (dates for polls to state assembly elections in five states had been announced on February 26), oil industry sources confirm that holding crude prices steady during the past few weeks has already put a strain on oil firms. Two-thirds of the retail cost Indian customers pay for auto fuels goes to the exchequer—either through state VAT or Central excise duties. The pullback in crude prices this week will provide some relief on this front. Having breached the $70 per barrel mark early this month, crude prices have dived over the past week on concerns over rising Covid cases—Brent crude was trading at $63.67 per barrel on Friday.

Goldman Sachs does not expect this to last, however, terming the price reduction "a big breather" for the oil market. According to the American investment bank, it expects to see a significant increase in global oil demand in the coming months as vaccination drives across the world begin taking effect. Analysts also note that despite the demand headwinds in Europe, it expects OPEC+ production to increass by 2.8 million barrels per day by August this year.

Crude oil futures tumble 2% on low demand

Crude oil futures fell 2.19 per cent to `4,337 per barrel on Friday as participants reduced their positions on low demand. West Texas Intermediate crude was trading 0.3 per cent down at $59.8 per barrel.

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NOTICE INVITING BID

e-Bids for "Purchase of Design & Testing of 220 kV and 132kV D/C and S/C transmission line towers along with their extensions & stub setting templates against specification no. BN-9011002004 are invited from interested bidders up to 04.00 PM, 20.04.21. For other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in of the state and http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvpnl departmental website.

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Raj.Samwad/C/20/11235 Superintending Engineer (Design)

Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Jamkhandi
No : Apmc (J) Dev/498/2020-21 Date:19-03-2021.

-:: EDITING TENDER NOTICE ::-

2020-21 Annual Action Plan for Development Projects, Different works was published By Date-10-03-2021 in the newspapers like *Hosa Digant* *Vijayawani* and *Indian Express* etc. The EMD amount was applied to the sidelines. Last Date for Submission of Tenders: 25/03/2021, Government Order No / AE / 675/ Cost-12/2020 Bangalore date:22/02/2020 Due to Kovid-19 Mahamari Virus due to financial hardship. Implementation of EMD Declaration on E-Procurement as per EMD exemption. There will be no other changes.

Sb/-Presedent APMC, JAMKHANDI
Sb/-Secretary APMC, JAMKHANDI

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KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.:KPCL/2020-21/OW/WORK-INDENT10899 Date: 19.03.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement portal only) (Two Cover System)

Tenders are invited from eligible class of contractors/Agencies registered with KPCL, through e-Procurement portal for the work of **"Procurement of furniture to Inspection Bungalow and VIP guest house at Ambikanagar".** The tender documents could be downloaded from the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 10.00 lakhs.** E.M.D: **Rs. 0.00/(NIL).** Contract period for completion of work: **03 Months (Excluding monsoon).** Type of tender: Open. Last date for receipt of tenders, Date of opening of technical bid & Date of opening of financial bid: **as per e-Procurement portal.** Further details can be obtained from the **Executive Engineer {C}N-Colony, KPCL Ltd., Ambikanagar-581 363. Phone No: 08284-258638.**

IN THE COURT OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL AT BENGALURU
SLA No. 180/2016

BETWEEN : The Management of M/s. Radel Electronics Private Limited, 1174/7, Electronics City, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560100 **...Applicant**
AND
Shashikumar S. ...Respondent

SUMMONS OR NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT 1947 R/W SECTION OF 151 OF CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908

OPPOSITE PARTY : Mr. Shashikumar S, C/o of Anusuyamma, No.85, Venkatappa Layout, BSK 3rd Stage, 11th Main Road, Hosakere Halli, BANGALORE 560085.

WHEREAS, the above named applicant have filed the Serial Application for the approval of the dismissal order dated 14.03.2016 of the opposite party.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this court **on 21.04.2021 at 11.a.m** in person or through advocate/pleader to answer the questions to the same, failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

Given under my hand & seal of the court on 17.03.2021.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Industrial Tribunal, Bengaluru.
Advocate for Applicant
PRASHANTH B.K. & Associates
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Govt. of Bihar

Bihar State Power Holding Company Limited
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DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE

Tender Notice (NIT) No :- 3/PR/BSPHCL/2021

PR-12720

The NIT No.- 3/PR/BSPHCL/2021 for appointment of consultant for transaction advisory, metering data analysis and energy efficiency advisory support to Bihar State Power Holding Company Limited & its subsidiaries company is hereby cancelled due to unavoidable reason.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE FOR THE SUPPLY OF STORES NO.E-02/2021

Firms are requested to Login to **http://ireps.gov.in-login->E-Tender-goods** & services (new) and quote against this tender. Manual Quotations will not be entertained for these tenders. Closing time for the tender is **14.30 hrs**.

S.No.1 : **Tender No.**61215034, **Brief Description of Stores :** Semi assembled Point Machine 220 mm Stroke, **Quantity :** 500 nos., **Due Date : 09.04.2021.**

Please note that only online quotations submitted through IREPS Portal will be accepted and the offers are to be digitally signed.

Dy. Chief Materials Manager, Southern Railway, Podanur.

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IN THE COURT OF THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C. MISC.No. 109/2021

BETWEEN: Smt. Sudha, D/o Narasimhamurthy and Smt. Venkatalakshmamma, aged about 30 years, R/at Kumbarahalli Village, Chikkabanavara Post, Hessaraghatta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District.
Also at: Chikkamaranahalli Colony, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. ... **PETITIONER**
AND: The Tahsildar, THE REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS & DEATHS, Yelahanka, Bengaluru. ... **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner named above has filed the above petition seeking direction to The Tahsildar, The Registrar of Birth and Death, Yelahanka, Bengaluru to register the date of death of the deceased who is the grand father of the Petitioner who was by name **Sri. MUNISWAMY S/o. Poojappa, who died on 08-06-1972, petitioners grand mother, Late Lakshmamma W/o Late Muniswamy died on 06.08.1995, petitioner mother, late Venkatalakshmamma W/o Sri. Narasimha Murthy, who died on 05.02.1993, petitioners aunt, Late Obelamma, D/o Late Obalappa who died on 02.03.1995** at Kumbarahalli Village, Chikkabanavara Post, Hessaraghatta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, and issue the direction accordingly for the death certificate.

It is required to produce the same before the concerned authorities for documentation, for transfer of Katha and for other legal purposes and service benefits.

Any person interested and having any objection in this matter, may appear before the above court at 11.00 a.m. on **15-04-2021** to which date the case is posted for hearing.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on 17-03-2021.

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore Rural District, Bengalore.

Advocate for Petitioners: **D.N. Dhrava Kumar**
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ನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನ ಅನುದಾನದ 01 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ (ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.172.30 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು) ಮೇಲೆ ಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿದನ್ವಯ ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಇಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **"E-procurement" Portal** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಮುಂದುವರೆದು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಹೆಸರು, ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನಿತರೆ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ ಹಾಗೂ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.03.2021** ರ ನಂತರ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ತಮ್ಮ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05.04.2021** ಹಾಗೂ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.04.2021** ಇನ್ನಿತರೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಪೂರ್ವ) ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಪೂ)
ವಾಸಾಸಂ೩/ಮೈಸೂರು/ಟೆರಡಿ ಸಾಯಿ/1175/2020-21 ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು.

National Health Mission

Karnataka State Health & Family Welfare Society
1st Floor, Aroyga Soudha, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560 023
Ph: 080-22341985, e-mail: caonrhmkar@gmail.com

No.: SNO/ASHA/48/2020-21 Date: 20.03.2021

SHORT TERM TENDER Through e-Procurement Portal

Printing and Supply of Asha Dairy, HBNC format and Asha Reporting format under Asha programe

KSHFWS invites Tender from Printers with necessary documents. The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in The tender document can be downloaded through "e-procurement portal" from **20.03.2021, 11.30** onwords and last date for receipt of tender is **03.04.2021 on or before 17.30** Hrs.

Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during the office hours from **10.00 to 17.30 Hrs.**

Sd/-
Project Director, RCH

DIPR/DDU/YC/3181/2020-21

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Office of the Deputy Director, City Central Library, South Zone, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560 011. Email: ccisouthzone@gmail.com

No. CCL/SZ/A2/28/Lib.Fur.Pur/2020-21 Date: 19-03-2021

SHORT TIME RECALL TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through E-Procurement portalOnly)

Tender in two covers system are invited for the year 2020-21 from eligible firms/companies for Supplying library wooden and steel furniture's in City Central Library, South Zone, Bangalore and its various branch libraries. Eligible firms/companies should participate through E-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka.

The Amount of tender is **Rs. 03.00** crore Those who are interested to participate in the Tender should login through **http://eproc.karntaka.gov.in**. website. Last date for submission of Tender is on **26-03-2021** within **04.00 p.m.** and Technical bid will be opened on **29-03-2021** at **11 .00 A.M.** The bidders may also contact undersign for further details. Contact @ **080-26548829** in the office during working hours.

Deputy Director, City Central Library,
DIPR/DDU/3178/G.FMC/2020-21 South Zone, Southend Circle, Jayanagar, Bangalore.

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SALE NOTICE

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Federal Bank Ltd (Secured Creditor), the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The Federal Bank Ltd (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 28/4/2021 for recovery of **₹.23,03,295/-** as on 28/04/2021 due to The Federal Bank Ltd (Secured Creditor) as on the aforesaid date of sale from **(1) Mr. Krishna Das Thandand Havade, S/o. Sri Krishnan Thandand Havade,** and **(2) Mrs. Charmaine Margaret Das, W/o. Mr. Krishna Das Thandand Havade.**

Description of the immovable property with known encumbrances:

Sl No.	Particulars of property	Reserve Price below which property will not be sold.	EMD amount
1.	All the part and parcel of the property bearing Site No.403, LIG-I category, measuring East to West 12.20 Mtrs, North to South 11.12+10.54/2 Mtrs ,in all 132.02 sq.mtrs or 1421.18 Sq.ft carved out of Sy. No;.1/1, 2, 3/2, 5/1, 5/2, 5/3, 5/4, 5/5, 5/6,6/4,7/1,7/2,7/3,7/4,7/5,7/6,7/7,7/8,7/9,7/10,7/11,7/12,8,9/1,9/2,9/3,9/4,9/5,9/6,10/P1,10/P2,10/P3,11,12,13(P),14(P),16/1,16/2, 16/3,17/1,17/2,18/1,18/2, 18/3,18/4,20/2(P), 21/1, 21/2, 21/13C and Sy No.34, totally measuring 101 Acres 14.25 guntas known as "KHB - L & C Silicon City", situated at Hampapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on East by: Site No.382, West by : Road, North by: Site No.404 and South by: Site No.402 (As per the sale deed No. 2090/15-16 of SRO Rajarajeshwarinagara, Bangalore).	Rs 21,00,000 (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Only)	Rs.2,10,000/- (Rupees Two Lakh Ten Thousand Only)
2.	All the part and parcel of the property bearing Site No.206, LIG-II category, measuring East to West 15.24 Mtrs, North to South 9.14Mrts, in all 139.29sq.mtrs or 1499.48Sq.ft carved out of Sy.No.1/1,2,3/2,5/1,5/2,5/3,5/4,5/5,5/6,6/4,7/1,7/2,7/3,7/4,7/5,7/7,7/8,7/9,7/10,7/11,7/12,8,,9/1,9/2,9/3,9/4,9/5,9/6,10/P1,10/P2,10/P3,11,12,13(P),14(P),16/1,16/2,16/3,17/1,17/2,18/1,18/2,18/3,18/4,20/2(P), 21/1, 21/2, 21/13C and Sy No.34, totally measuring 101 Acres 14.2 guntas known as "KHB - L & C Silicon City", situated at Hampapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban and bounded on East by: Site No.165, West by : Road, North by: Site No.205 and South by: Site No.207 (As per the sale deed No. 2089/15-16 of SRO Rajarajeshwarinagara, Bangalore).	Rs.22,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Only)	Rs.2,20,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only)

known encumbrances, if any: **Not to the knowledge of the Bank.** Date of Auction: **28/4/2021 at 2.30 PM.** The Last date of submission of Bid: **1 PM on 28/4/2021**: Place of Auction: **In the Above address.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in in the website of The Federal Bank Ltd i.e. **https://www.federalbank.co.in/web/guest/tender-notices**

Date : 19.03.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- (Authorised officer under SARFAESI Act)
For the Federal Bank Ltd,

Capital Region Urban Transport

Bhubaneswar - Cuttack - Puri
Block-1, 2nd Floor, BMC Bhawani Mall, Saheed Nagar Bhubaneswar , Odisha
(INDIA) Pin-751007, E-mail: crutbbsr@gmail.com, Phone No. 0674- 2548625

Notice No. 405/CRUT/2021 **SHORT TENDER NOTICE** Date. 17/03/2021

For Supply and Integration of 300 Electronic Ticketing Machines for the transit vehicles owned by CRUT, Odisha with warranty of 5 years

CRUT invites proposal from interested bidders for the above-mentioned purpose. Please refer Tender document for details.

The Tender Document shall be available from **20/03/2021** onwards in following Web portal: www.capitalregiontransport.in. Further,intimation i.e. (Corrigendum/Addendum/ Clarifications) shall be uploaded in the above website only.

Applicants are required to submit the duly filled proposals as per the prescribed format on or before **08/04/2021,3:00 PM**,The proposals received shall be opened at **4:00 PM, on 08/04/2021**

In case of any query/clarifications,please contact 0674-2548625 or email at **crutbbsr@gmail.com**

CRUT reserves the right to accept or reject bid process without assigning any reasons thereof.

General Manager (P&A)
Capital Region Urban Transport

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BRAZ/EE(O)/AEE-3/F-T6/2020-21/6108 Date: 09.03.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Mode Only)

KPTCL invites tender against Bid Enquiry No. **KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/ BRAZ/ AEE-3/220kV CB NRS/EPR-641/Call-2 Dated: 19.03.2021 for "Replacement of 220kV Circuit Breaker of 220kV lines and Transformers at 220/66 kV NRS Doddaballapura in TL & SS division Doddaballapura coming under the Jurisdiction" of TR(M), BRAZ Circle, KPTCL, Bengaluru** on Partial Turnkey Basis.

The bids will be received through **'e-Procurement Mode' only.** The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **'e-Procurement-KPTCL'** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **20.03.2021.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele)**
Transmission (M), BRAZ, KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560024, Phone : 080-23513952

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तिरुवनंतपुरम / THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695022
(फोन नं. / Ph. No: 0471- 2564568 / 2564537)

निविदा की अवधि बढ़ाना / EXTENSION OF TENDER

कार्य का शीर्षक/Title of work:

आरपीपी, वीएसएससी, तुंबा में (1) पाइरोजेन प्रज्वालक उत्पादन सुविधा, (2) पारवहन भंडार सुविधा तथा (3) परीक्षण व विश्लेक्षण सुविधा (स्पार्क सुविधाएं) के लिए विभिन्न भवनों का निर्माण (सिविल, पीएच, यांत्रिक तथा विद्युत कार्य) / Construction of Various Buildings for (1) Pyrogen Igniter Production Facility, (2) Transit Storage Facility and (3) Testing & Analysis Facility (SPARC Facilities) at RPP, VSSC, Thumba (Civil, PH, Mech. & Electrical works)

ई-निविदा सूचना सं./E-Tender Notice No.
NIT No. VSSC/CMG/CIVIL/14/2020-21 Dt. 23.02.2021

निविदा दस्तावेज डाउनलोड करने हेतु अंतिम तिथि Last date for download the tender document	दिनांक **29.03.2021** तक बढ़ाया गया / Extended upto **29.03.2021**
निविदाएं प्राप्त करने हेतु नियत तिथि Due date for receipt of tenders	दिनांक **31.03.2021** तक बढ़ाया गया / Extended upto **31.03.2021**

योग्यता मानदंड तथा अन्य ब्यौरों को पाने के लिए इच्छुक निविदाकार ई–निविदा आमंत्रित करते हुए विस्तृत सूचना (ई-एनआइटी) का अवलोकन करें, जिसे www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। / Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (E-NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be down loaded from website www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.

Sd/- ग्रुप निदेशक, सीएमजी, वीएसएससी / **Group Director, CMG, VSSC**

BELAGAVI DISTRICT CO-OP MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LTD.

MAHANTESH NAGAR BELAGAVI–590017. KARNATAKA
Phone: 0831-2405756 E–mail:bemul.pur@gmail.com

IFT No: 149/Pur/Tender File/2020-21/3549 Date: 18-03-2021

"SHORT TERM RE- TENDER NOTIFICATION"

The Belagavi Milk Union Ltd., Invites tenders' from eligible tenderers for Providing Goods & Service in two cover system (Technical & Commercial) through E-Portal.

Sl.No:01,E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NO:KMF/2020-21/IND 8629/CALL-2,ITEM DETAILS PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF GST (GST & others taxes shall be shown separately as mentioned in commercial Bid Document Tender Part-II Page No-3 as per e-portal):Supply of Electrical Gerber Centrifugal Machine-40 Nos.,Approx. Tender Value:1.25 Lakhs,EMD Amount in Rs.:5,000=00,Sl.No:02,E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NO:KMF/ 2020-21/IND8630/CALL-2,ITEM DETAILS PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF GST (GST & others taxes shall be shown separa tely as mentioned in commercial Bid Document Tender Part-II Page No-3 as per e-portal):Supply & Installation of 200 Kg Capacity Digital Weighing Scale to BEMUL-40 Nos.,Approx. Tender Value:9 Lakhs,EMD Amount in Rs.:25,000=00, Sl.No:03,E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NO:KMF/2020-21/IND 8635/CALL-2,ITEM DETAILS PRICES ARE INCLUSIVE OF GST (GST & others taxes shall be shown separately as mentioned in commercial Bid Document Tender Part-II Page No-3 as per e-portal):Supply of Milk Adulteration Kit.-700 Nos., Approx. Tender Value:11.55 Lakhs,EMD Amount in Rs.:40,000=00,LAST DATE:24-03-2021

Sd/-Managing Director
BEMUL

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1569/MCA/2020-21

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020.
Phone: 080-23368615 / 23442271 / 74 Ext.: 266 Website: www.bdabangalore.org

No. BDA/ Commissioner / EO / CA-Sites / 245/ 2020-21 Date: 19.03.2021

CIVIC AMENITY SITES NOTIFICATION 2020-21

Bangalore Development Authority invites applications from eligible Institutions for the Allotment of Civic Amenity Sites (C.A. Sites) published below as per the provisions of BDA (Allotment of Civic Amenity Sites) Rules, 1989.

Sl. No.	Layout	CA Site No.	Area in Square Mtr.	Purpose	Rate Per Sq. Mtr. (in Rs.)	Registration fee (in Rs.)	Initial Deposit Amount Payable along with application (in Rs.)	Lumpsum Lease amount Payable for 30 years (in Rs.) + GST @ 18%	Annuity (in Rs.) Lumpsum Amount including GST	Additional Lease Amount (Re 1/Per 10 Sq. Mtr. annually) (in Rs.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Challaghatta Village NPKL	5	1938.30	Mother & Child care centre	28,500.00	5,000.00	17,15,396.00	1,71,53,955.00+ 30,87,712.00= 2,02,41,667.00	36,69,814.00	200.00
2	Sir.M.V. Layout 4th Block	3/B	10,701.16	Education	40,900.00	10,000.00	1,07,97,470.00	10,79,74,704.00+ 1,94,35,447.00= 12,74,10,151.00"	2,30,99,460.00	1100.00

Note: 1. As per GST Act, 2017, GST will be added to the lease amount at the time of issuing allotment letter.
2. DD for Initial Deposit should be drawn in favour of **Commissioner, BDA, Bengaluru.**

CONDITIONS

1. **Allotments:-** The Allotment of CA site will be in accordance with the Bangalore Development Authority (Allotment of Civic Amenity Site) Rules, 1989.
2. **Registration :-** The institution which desires to apply for the C.A. site should register with BDA by paying the prescribed registration fee at Canara Bank, BDA Head Office; application will be issued on 22.03.2021 at the said Bank.
3. **Application:-** a) The application shall be presented in person or sent by Registered Post so as to reach the office of the Commissioner, BDA, through Canara Bank cash counter at BDA until 3.30 PM on or before 05.04.2021.
   b) The decision of the Authority regarding allotment shall be final. The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the applications received for any of the sites.
4. For more information & Terms and Conditions visit our Website: **www.bdabangalore.org**

Last date to submit application: 05.04.2021

Sd/- Commissioner, BDA, Bengaluru
Wherever BDA Goes - Bengaluru Grows

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ನಂ:ಎಚ್‌ಡಿಎಮ್‌ಸಿ/ಎಸ್‌ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂಎಮ್/74/2020–21/1232 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 19–03–2021

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯು ಸನ್ 2019–20 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 14ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಯೋಜನೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಘನತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ವಸ್ತು ನಿರ್ವಹಣಾ ವಿಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುವ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ವಿವಿಧ ವಾಹನ ಹಾಗೂ ಯಂತ್ರೋಪಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999 ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ ಸ್ಟಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ದ್ವಿಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಿಂದ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾವನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ನು ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜನ್ನು ಅಂತರ್ ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಜಾಲತಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **20–03–2021** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮುಂದೂಡಿಕೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೂಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲೇ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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2	DMA/2020-21/ IND11543/ CALL-2	ಧಾರವಾಡ ವಿಭಾಗದ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ಸಂಸ್ಕರಣಾ ಘಟಕ್ಕೆ 01 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಬ್ಯಾಕೋ ಲೋಡರ್ (Backhoe Loader 80HP) ಯಂತ್ರವನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸುವುದು.
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(1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **27–03–2021** ರಂದು ಸಾ. 23.59.59 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ (2) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **29–03–2021** ರಂದು ಮು: 10.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ. (3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **01–04–2021** ರಂದು ಮು: 10.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ಅಥವಾ ಇತರೆ ಅನುಕೂಲಕರ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ

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On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Kar

Nikhat beats two-time world champ, in semis

Indian woman boxer Nikhat Zareen on Friday stunned two-time world champion Nazym Kyzaibay of Kazakhstan to enter the women's 51kg semifinals at the Bosphorus Boxing Tournament in Istanbul. Zareen beat Nazym, a gold medallist from 2014 and 2016 World Championships, 4-1 win. Gaurav Solanki (57kg) also sailed into the semifinals.

FRIENDS FROM ACROSS THE BORDER

Lone Pakistan shooter at World Cup, Usman, speaks about his mateship with Indian counterparts Mairaj and Angad

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

LAST time India had hosted the shooting World Cup in 2019, two pistol shooters from Pakistan were denied visas. It led to a lot of controversy with Pakistan complaining to the IOC and ultimately two quota spots from the 25m rapid fire event were removed. No such problem this time around as Usman Chand, a skeet shooter from Pakistan received his visa. On Friday, he came down to the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range to practice.

He is the lone athlete from Pakistan and he revealed that this was his second visit to the range, having come to compete in this very tournament three years back. "It was a good experience last time around as well. We have a similar range in Sialkot where I train. It feels like I'm shooting in my home range."

The 36-year-old was quite confident of getting a visa this time around but the delivery people were not so certain. "They kept saying I will not get it. But the Indian High Commission was quite prompt and both our federations were in discussion and I got it five days before my departure. I'm here and I cannot wait to get started."

Indian skeet shooters Angad Vir Singh Bajwa and Mairaj Ahmad Khan, especially the youngster, were seen in discussion with Usman while training. Usman said that they have been shooting for quite a few years now and they are friends.

"When they qualified for the Olympics, I was there. Whoever reaches the final, we always support each other. They have supported me in the past and before I came here, they assured me of any help I required after reaching."

He had finished fifth in the 2018 Asian Games but since Covid-19 struck he has not really trained too much and was busy trying to keep his business afloat. The skeet shooter has a surgical equipment business and the virus and subsequent lockdown has impacted it badly.

"Could not train as much as I wanted due to the virus. My business was badly affected and I tried to keep it afloat. It has been a difficult time for all. We are glad competitions are finally resuming and hopefully, things will normalise soon."

The shooter is a national champion back home five years in a row and is the country's No 1 shooter in his category. His journey into sport began in 2008 when a relative took him to the national games.

Otherwise also, he added that this is the only sport for him. "I belong from a family of hunters. My grandfather was a hunter so it is in my blood. I'm self-funded while I also receive funds from the IOC's scholarship programme but it is an expensive sport."

Before leaving for another round of Covid testing (already tested himself four times during his journey here), he hoped that bilateral relations between the two countries would improve. "It is not good for anyone, not for sports, nor for our people," he signed off.

THREE SHOOTERS QUALIFY FOR FINAL

On the first day of competitions, three Indian shooters — World No 1 Divyansh Singh Panwar and Arjun Babuta in the men's 10m Air Rifle and Anjum Moudgil in the corresponding women's event — made it through to the finals at the end of the 60-shot qualifying round on Friday. India No 2 Arjun shot a high quality 631.8 to finish third in the 39-strong field. Divyansh followed him to the eight-man final slated for Saturday, with a 629.1 which gave him sixth position overall. Nam Taeyun of Korea topped the men's field with a 632.1. Given his current world rank of 18 and the fact that all other finalists are not eligible except his own teammate Choo Byounggil who is ranked way below him, he should bag the only available Tokyo Olympics quota based on world rankings. Deepak Kumar, the third Indian in the field, finished 12th with a score of 626.4. In the women's 10m Air Rifle, World No 4 and Tokyo quota holder Anjum was the lone Indian to advance. She shot 629.6 to come in second in the 48-strong field, behind Hungary's Denes Eszter who shot 629.8. World No 1 Elavenil Valarivan missed out however, finishing 12th with a score of 626.7. So did teammate Apurvi Chandela who finished 26th with 622.8. The world-ranking quota in the women's event is up for a fight though, with Dane Ibsen Rikke Maeng (world rank 11) and American Mary Tucker (world rank 20) making it to the finals among others. Both the Men's and Women's 10M Air Rifle finals are scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Saturday has four blockbuster finals lined up with the Men's and Women's 10M Air Pistol finals also scheduled on the day.

Doubts over Men's and women's Under-19 WC

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

WITH the Covid-19 pandemic continuing to disrupt normal life, the International Cricket Council (ICC) will take a call on whether to go ahead with men's Under-19 World Cup in the Caribbean as scheduled in early 2022 or postpone it. It is also understood that the fate of the inaugural women's Under-19 World Cup hangs in the balance with some clarity expected to emerge at ICC's quarterly board meeting on March 30 and 31.

The women's U-19 World Cup, which was postponed from January 2021 to December 2021, may not take place this year with the ICC pondering whether to defer the tournament in Bangladesh by a few more months keeping in mind the safety of the players. There are also enough indications to suggest that ICC may not shy away from cancelling that meet altogether given the financial climate as not many will be ready to invest in the women's U-19 World Cup soon after the completion of men's T20 World Cup.

The ICC has been facing challenges with regards to hosting the men's event. With the next edition to take place in the Caribbean, a region that isn't well connected in terms of air travel, teams have to at least make a couple of stopovers which is seen as a risk under current circumstances.

Apart from postponing the 2022 T20 World Cup regional Qualifiers for Asia and Africa, they had to cancel U-19 men's World Cup Asia Division 2 after Thailand expressed their inability to host the event because of Covid restrictions. Oman and Saudi Arabia were promoted to play Asia Qualifier based on their performances in the last five U-19 World Cup Qualifiers. Similarly, the ICC had to cancel the Africa Division 2 Qualifier in Tanzania for same reasons.

As things stand, all qualifying events for the men's U-19 World Cup are scheduled to begin not before July end. With most teams having difficulties because of travel restrictions, it is understood that the ICC is pondering whether to postpone the event to mid-2022 which will be summer in the Caribbean region. Postponing the men's edition will also provide teams to prepare for the event. Usually, teams get two years to build a side, where players regularly feature in exposure tournaments at home and abroad.

Lakshya exits All-England

PTI @ Birmingham

INDIA'S Lakshya Sen crashed out of the All-England Open Championships quarterfinals after losing to Mark Caljouw of the Netherlands 17-21, 21-16, 17-21 here on Friday. The match-saw the end of Indian challenge in men's singles.

The women's doubles pairing of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy also bowed out of the tournament following their defeat in straight games to Dutch pair Selena Piek and Cheryl Seinen in the quarterfinals. The World No 30 pair went down 22-24, 12-21 to the 24th-ranked duo in 39 minutes.

The pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, seeded sixth, had crashed out of the event after losing 16-21, 21-11, 17-21 to Denmark's Kim Astrup and Anders Skaarup Rasmussen in the second round. In the men's singles, Sameer Verma went down to third seed Anders Antonsen 22-20, 21-10 in the second round.

Karnataka's Prasidh bowls his way into India squad

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

WHEN India skipper Virat Kohli said last year that Prasidh Krishna could be a surprise package, it indicated that the pacer could soon be in the national scheme of things. Once India resumed international cricket, fast bowlers like T Natarajan and Mohammed Siraj rose to prominence after their impressive performances in IPL.

It took Prasidh a few more domestic tournaments to grab the attention of national selectors, but he has finally done it. On Friday, the 25-year-old from Karnataka earned a maiden India call-up for the three-match ODI series against England, starting Tuesday in Pune.

Speaking to this daily, the lanky pacer was evidently elated. "Who would not be (excited)? It provides you a chance to be with the Indian squad that includes so many great players," said Prasidh.

Prasidh Krishna

He explained how the state has played a significant role in helping him become what he is today. "Playing for Karnataka state team is something that has helped me reach here. If not for them, I would not have gotten anywhere. We all know how competitive the domestic structure in India is. It does not come as a surprise that my domestic performances have been looked at."

His consistency in List A cricket — he has taken 81 wickets in 48 matches — is the primary reason for him earning the call-up. In the last two editions of the Vijay Hazare Trophy, he has scalped 31 wickets besides 17 scalps in the same tournament in 2018. His ability to move the ball while clocking around 140kmph makes him a tricky bowler to face on any surface. Add to it the bounce he generates through his height, he could be a vital cog in the Indian team.

Though the national side is without seniors such as Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Shami, Prasidh will have to fight for his place with Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Shardul Thakur, Natarajan and Siraj. However, battling for a spot amongst the senior players is something he had to do with Karnataka too.

Prasidh had to wait for his chances in the state team when Vinay Kumar, Sreenath Aravind and Abhimanyu Mithun were the first-choice pacers. Three years after making his maiden first-class match, he made his List A debut in 2018.

EXPRESS READ

Sharath-Manika in final

DOHA: The mixed doubles pair of A Sharath Kamal and Manika Batra moved to the final of the Asian Olympic Qualifier in Doha on Friday. The duo beat the Singaporean duo of Ye Lin and Yew En Koen Pang in six games (12-10, 9-11, 11-5, 5-11, 11-8, 13-11) to advance to the summit clash.

Spurs out of Europa

PARIS: Paul Pogba scored the winner on his return from injury as Manchester United beat AC Milan 1-0 on Thursday to join Arsenal in the Europa League quarterfinals, while Dinamo Zagreb knocked out Tottenham Hotspur. Arsenal also qualified despite suffering a 1-0 loss to Olympiakos in the second leg.

Bayern draw PSG in CL

PARIS: Holders Bayern Munich will face last year's beaten finalists Paris Saint-Germain in the quarterfinals of Champions League, while Liverpool meet Real Madrid. Manchester City take on Borussia Dortmund, with Chelsea playing Porto.

Ind-Eng series decider

AHMEDABAD: Having outsmarted England in challenging conditions, a confident India will back themselves to win the series-decider here on Saturday and take another firm step towards finalising their core for the T20 World Cup.

K'taka women win

CHENNAI: Karnataka beat Himachal Pradesh in the BCCI senior women's one day trophy by four wickets in Chennai. With HP managing 163/8 in 50 overs, Karnataka reached the target in the 41st over. Shubha S was unbeaten on 76.

Vijender's run ends

PANAJI: The unbeaten run of star Vijender Singh in the professional circuit ended Friday as he lost to his Russian opponent Artysh Lopsan in the Battle on Ship. Vijender entered the bout with a 12-0 record but lost.

Kamalpreet rides on hope, punches Tokyo ticket with natl record

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

EVERY now and then, there comes a moment in a sportsperson's life when providence fiddles with destiny. It's that moment when the career takes a decisive turn and throws you into the orbit of fame, unexpectedly. Something Kamalpreet Kaur realized when she took that arch of weightlessness, anxiety and delirium when the discus touched 65.06m during the Federation Cup Athletics Nationals in Patiala on Friday. That was her first throw and only legitimate throw of the event.

Kamalpreet couldn't believe it. *Ummeed to thi kyunki ummeed mein hi duniya kayam rahti hai.* (I had hope. It's on hope that the world revolves). So yes I expected to throw better but this distance is unbelievable. This is the fourth best in the world this season and would have secured a fourth place finish at the Rio Olympics. "I had thrown around 61-62m all my life," she told this daily from Patiala. "My personal best has been 62m. When the discus touched the 65m-mark I was thrilled and nervous at the same time. I couldn't believe it." She was so nervous that she couldn't take the rest of the throws properly. "I was nervous and I wanted to cross 65m and touch 66m. That's why I fouled." She skipped her third attempt after multiple Asian and Commonwealth Games medallist Seema Punia, who finished behind Kamalpreet with a decent throw of 62.64m, gave her a suggestion. "She told me take a break and try again," she said.

No woman has ever breached the 65m mark in the country. The last national record was etched against the name of Krishna Poonia at 64.76m. The 25-year-old's record was enough to breach the 63.50m Olympic qualifying mark as well. For a thrower who once planned to give up the sport when she failed to qualify for the Asian Games in 2018, it's a moment that crushed her. "I was on verge of giving up the sport," she said. However, after a good performance just a month later, she changed her mind. "Suddenly in a Railways meet, I threw one metre more than the inter-state in 2018 and that made me think," she said. "I felt I could do more and started working on it." The spark to reignite motivation took a while. "Here, I am back."

Kamalpreet's performance overshadowed the women's 200m show. Assam's Hima Das clocked 23.10 seconds to upstage Tamil Nadu's S Dhanalakshmi (23.39) to create a new meet record. Just a day ago, Dhanalakshmi beat Hima with a meet record in the heats. Archana Suseendran was third with 23.60s.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

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I **NIRMALA** alias **Nirmala.N** alias **Nirmaladevi.N** alias **Nirmala Premnath** W/o G.N.Premnath. R/o 37, 2nd Main Road, Railway Colony, RMV-2nd Stage, Bengaluru-94, are known by above names and shall henceforth be known as Nirmala. vide Affidavit date. 16/03/2021, sworn before, 1st Class Magistrate, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, the undersigned **SREEDEVI VEDI** (New Name) previously called **SREEDEVI NAGAMALLI**, (Old Name), aged about 44 years, W/o. Mr. Vedi Rammohan, resident at: House No. 4, 5th Cross, 2nd Main, Apparao Layout, Yerrayyana Palya, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016, Karnataka, India, do hereby solemnly declare and states that I have changed my name from **SREEDEVI NAGAMALLI** to **SREEDEVI VEDI** by swearing to an affidavit in front of Notary public **Mr. K.B.Sadha Shivappa** on 18/03/2021 for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NALINI ANANTHAKRISHNA NAYAK** (New Name), aged about 68 years, W/o Ananthakrishna Nayak, R/a No. 28/2, 11th-A-Cross, Swimming Pool Extension, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003 have changed my name from **NALINIBAI ANANTHAKRISHNA NAYAK** (old Name) to **NALINI ANANTHAKRISHNA NAYAK** (New Name), vide affidavit dated 19-03-2021, before Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
BE IT KNOWN TO ALL that I, **E. MALLESHA.,** Aged about 32 years, S/o. Yarapuru Eranna, residing at Udevu, Molakalmuru Taluk, Konsagara, Chitradurga District, Karnataka- 577529, Aadhaar No. 5414 4571 1706, I hereby declare that, I have changed my name **MALLIKA** to **E. MALLESHA** vide Affidavit dated: 19-03-2020, sworn to before Notary C.N.SREEKANTA SASTRY., at Anekal.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, UBEDULLA.A.Z, residing at No. 105, OM Shree Krupa Nilaya, 2nd Main, Krishnananda Nagara Nandini Layout, Bengaluru -560096, have changed my Minor Daughter's name from **BIBI KULSUM** to **BIBI UMME KULSUM** vide affidavit Dated 18/03/2021 sworn before Notary Kundan Babu.M, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I Hebri Krishnamurthy Upadhya aged about 62 years Residing at No.2465, Nisarga, 15th main, 2nd Stage, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore-560078. I here by declared that my names **KRISHNA MOORTHI UPADHYA** and **HEBRI KRISHNAMURTHY UPADHYA** are one and same and denote me only. Vide affidavit dated on 18-03-2021. sworn before the notary L.Gopalakrishna

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **V. SRIDHAR** S/o V. Balakrishna, aged about 50 years, R/o No. 32, 1st Floor, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, Balaji Layout, Kogilu, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064, do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **V.S. SAMPREET** to **V.S. GURU TEJASWI**, henceforth he shall be known and called as **V.S. GURU TEJASWI** only, vide affidavit dated 19-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.K. GOPALAGOWDA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AKILA LAKSHMI KANTH,** R/a No. 05, Lakshmikantha Nilaya, 2nd Cross, New BEL Road, Chikkamaranahalli, Dollars Colony, Bengaluru-560094 have changed the name of my minor daughter from **LOKAWYA VENUGOPAL RAJU** (Old Name) to **LOKAWYA LAKSHMI KANTHA RAJU** (New Name), vide affidavit dated 19-03-2021, before Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RINKU DEVI,** aged about 34 years, W/o Tarun Kumar, R/at #265, 2nd Floor, Akkamahadevi Main Road, Akkipet, Near Corporation Vegetable Market, Bengaluru-560053, Karnataka State, have changed my name from **KISHORILAL JAIN** to **RINKU DEVI**, vide affidavit dated 18.03.2021, sworn before Advocate & Notary **C.V. EARAPPA**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) P.KALAICHALVI, W/o. 7773347H, Rank:Hony Nb Sub, Name: D.Padmanabhan, residing at No. 50, 4th Lane, Vill:Abhivruddhi Garden, Secred Hearts Road, T.C.Palya Near Assist School, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore -560036, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) P.KALAICHALVI** to **(NEW NAME) P.KALAI SELVI** vide affidavit Dated 18/03/2021 sworn before Notary L.Gopalakrishna, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GAGANA REDDY** residing at No.4062 Prestige South ridge, Hosakerehalli cross, NCERT building, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore, have changed my old name **BHASKAR REDDY GAGANA** to **GAGANA REDDY** vide affidavit dated 12-03-2021 sworn before advocate notary HG PADMANABHA RAO, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SUDHISH .B.T,** S/o Mr. Babu T.G., aged about 27 years, R/a No. 12, 1st Floor, Kariyanna Layout, Kempapura Bus Stop, Bangalore-560024, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **SUDHEESH** and **SUDHISH .B.T,** are one and the same and belongs to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUDHISH .B.T** only, vide affidavit dated 19-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **I. KANIKHA RAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAHIMA MACHAMMA .C.B,** aged about 23 years, D/o C.P. Bheemaiah, R/o Nittur, Virajpet Taluk, Kodagu District-571219, Karnataka State, Camp at Bengaluru, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MAHIMA MACHAMMA** to **MAHIMA MACHAMMA .C.B** only, vide affidavit dated 19-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D. GUNA SHEKAR** at Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, **DIVYA,** aged about 28 years, W/o Boregowda Residing at 2nd Cross, Krishna Layout, Devarachikkanahalli, Bangalore-560076, hereby declare that my date of birth was entered at the time of Joining Company as 22.05.1986 my Correct Date of Birth is 01.01.1993 as per Aadhaar and Pan Card vide affidavit dated 18.03.2021 before Notary Jain Swarnamala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, CANDIDA TAITES DSILVA, Aged about 53 Years, W/o Ian Peter Joseph D Silva, Residing at Flat No. 506, Ansals krsna 2 23 Hosur Main Road, Adugodi, Bengaluru-560030, shall henceforth be known as **CANDIDA ISOBEL TAITES DSILVA,** Vide Affidavit dated 19/03/2021, before notary K V MANI Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NIVEDITHA REDDY** residing at No.5013, Prestige South Ridge, Hosakerehalli Cross, Newer South, Hosakere Halli, Bangalore, have changed my old name **BHASKAR NIVEDITHA REDDY** to **NIVEDITHA REDDY** vide affidavit dated 10-03-2021 sworn before advocate notary KV Mani Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **RAJESHWARI,** aged 60 years, W/o R. Rajanna, R/a No. 598/A, Ground Floor, Nanjappa Reddy Layout, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560095, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **RAJESHWARI** and **RAJESHWARY .L.V** are one and the same and belongs to me only and my correct date of birth is 05-05-1961 instead of 25-06-1961 mentioned in my School records, henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAJESHWARI** only and my correct DOB is **05-05-1961**, vide affidavit dated 16-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.M. CHANDRASHEKAR** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANGANABASAPPA B HADAPAD,** aged about 34 years, R/a No. 3, 4th B Cross, Krishnappa Garden, Anand Nagar, 1st Block, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore-560032, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SANGANABASAPPA B HADAPAD** to **SANGAMESH B HADAPAD,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SANGAMESH B HADAPAD** only, vide affidavit dated 19-03-2021, sworn before advocate and Notary **M.K. DEVAKI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO. JC-311485M SUB Sajeev Kumar.C.P. Unit: 191 FD Coy, 19 ENGR REGT, C/o 56 APO PIN:914019, have changed my Son name from **ANANDU.S.** to **ANANDU SAJEEV** vide affidavit Dated 04/03/2021 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Arun Jha, aged about 46 years, son of Sri.Jha Durganand Navikant, residing at No.2/15, Vijaya Enclave Apartment, Bilekahalli, Bannergatta Road, Bengaluru-560076, Karnataka. I have changed my minor daughter's name from **'AADHYA JHA' to 'AARYA JHA'** Vide affidavit dated 18.03.2021. Sworn before Advocate and Notary H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOGAVEER ABHISHEK ACHUTA** S/o: **Achuchutha** R/at No. 13-213 Balagarahithlu Thaggarse post, Kundapura Tq, Udupi - 576214, have changed my name to **ABHISHEK ACHCHUTHA MOGAVEERA** vide affidavit dated:15/3/2021 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAJESH BUCH,** R/a No. B008, M.S. Palazzo, Arun Shelters, Opp. to C.L.T. Jakkur, Bangalore-560064, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAJESH ANAND SHANKER BUCH** to **RAJESH BUCH,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAJESH BUCH** only, vide affidavit dated 17-03-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Raghavendra Bharamappa Jagalasar,** S/o. Baramappa Jagalasar, Aged about 34 years, R/at 'Meru', No. 3178, 2nd Main Road, Girinagar 4th Phase, Bengaluru - 560 085, have changed my name from **Raghavendra Bharamappa Jagalasar** to **Santosh .B. Jagalasar** vide affidavit dated 18.03.2021 sworn before Advocate & Notary K. Ramegowda, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) RITU RANI, 31 Years, W/o Anurag Singh, residing at No. 703, B7, Shanthi Park, Apartments, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bengaluru-560069, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) RITU RANI** to **(NEW NAME) RITU SINGH** vide affidavit Dated 18/03/2021 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHETHAN .Y. R,** S/o Renukaswamy. Y.R, aged about 32 years, residing at No.166/A, Tavarekere, Channagiri, Davanagere, Karnataka-577213, presently working at Bangalore. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'CHETHANA. Y.R'** to **"CHETHAN. Y. R",** Vide affidavit dated 18.03.2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary T.C. Thimmaraja, Bangalore.

Indians 139th on happy list, Finland first

STUDY

HELSINKI: Covid-19 has done little to alter the ranking of the world's happiest countries, with Finland at the top for a fourth year running, an annual UN-sponsored report said on Friday.

The researchers behind the World Happiness Report, now in its ninth year, used Gallup data asking people in 149 countries to rate their own happiness, also taking into account measures such as GDP, social support, personal freedom and levels of corruption to give each nation a happiness score, which is an average of the past three years. India came 139th on the list. Afghanistan was marked as the unhappiest country in the world.

EXFILE • EARTH

RARE METAL GROWS DEARER

Iridium has just got costlier, three times at that. Wondering how it impacts you? From ballpoint pen tips to the bearings of compasses to your mobile handsets, this metal is as much a part of a student's life as boring lectures are. A look at its salient points that make it indispensable in the modern age

CHARACTERISTICS

Iridium is a rare, hard, lustrous, brittle, very dense platinum-like metal

It is chemically very unreactive

It is the most corrosion-resistant metal known and it resists attack by any acid

Iridium is the 2nd densest element (after osmium)

GLOBAL STATS

80% Iridium comes from South Africa

6-8 TONNES of iridium is mined each year. It is the byproduct of platinum mining and nickel refineries

COST ANALYSIS

$6,000 Cost of a troy ounce (**31 grams**) of iridium (March)

$2,000 Cost of a troy ounce in January

AVAILABILITY PARADOX

Technical problems at South Africa's Anglo American Platinum mining group last year combined with the coronavirus outbreak and lockdowns led to a shortage

A decline in demand for platinum has had a knock-on effect on iridium, whose demand has spiked

The bushfires in Australia and the protests in Myanmar have also affected the availability

GLORIOUS FAMILY

Pure iridium is so rare on the Earth's crust that there is only about 2 parts per billion located in the crust

It belongs to the platinum group metals (PGMs) comprising platinum, palladium, rhodium, ruthenium and osmium

Their uses range from catalytic converters, drugs and medical devices to electronic devices

Platinum and ruthenium are used in computer screens and in the glass of the screens

Platinum, palladium, rhodium and iridium are used to coat electrodes, which help control the flow of electricity in modern gadgets

Palladium is contained in most microprocessors and printed circuit boards. Platinum is used to make fiberglass, LCD glass and flat-panel displays

USES

- In mobile phones, especially for **5G rollout**
- In hydrogen fuel cells, potentially a key component in the transition to **electric vehicles**
- With osmium, it forms an alloy used for tipping pens & **compass bearings**
- Iridium is used in making crucibles and other equipment that is used at high temperatures
- Helps in disinfecting water carried as ballast by ships. The ballast water is a key conduit for the transport of invasive plant and animal species around the planet.
- Iridium was used in making the international standard kilogram, which is an alloy of 90% platinum and 10% iridium
- Radioactive isotopes of iridium are used in radiation therapy for the treatment of **cancer**

Want to ace test? Use pen & paper more often

Noting info on electronic gadgets like tablets is no match for writing when it comes to stimulating brain, says study

RESEARCH

TOKYO: If you're revising for a big test, it's better to grab a pen and paper than your laptop or tablet, according to a new study. Taking notes on paper helps our brains to remember information better than on tablet or smartphone, the study has found.

Researchers from Japan asked 48 students to take down the details of a person's schedule using either pen and paper, a tablet or a smartphone. They found that those who wrote the information in a notebook were able to record all the details faster than those who used an electronic device.

Recalling the details in a brain scanner later, those who took written notes exhibited more activity in regions of their brain related to memory, language and navigation.

According to the team, writing with paper involves unique, complex spatial and tactile information that provides the brain with more information to trigger memory. "Paper is more advanced and useful compared to electronic documents because paper contains more one-of-a-kind information for stronger memory recall," said study author and neuroscientist Kuniyoshi Sakai of the University of Tokyo. "Our take-home message is to use paper notebooks for information we need to memorize,' he said.

> **It is reasonable that one's creativity will likely become more fruitful if prior knowledge is stored with stronger learning and more precisely retrieved from memory. For art, composing music, or other creative works, I would emphasize the use of paper instead of digital methods**
>
> Kuniyoshi Sakai, Mstudy author and neuroscientist at University of Tokyo

In their study, the team recruited 48 student volunteers, all between the ages of 18–29. Each participant was instructed to read a fictional conversation between characters discussing their plans in the near future — including 14 different personal appointments, class times and assignment deadline dates. The volunteers recorded this schedule using either paper and pen, a tablet with a stylus or a smartphone with a touchscreen interface. They were not asked to memorise the events. After an hour — which included a break and an unrelated task to distract them from thinking about the calendar — the participants were placed in an MRI machine and given a brain scan while they answered various questions about the schedule.

The researchers said that the activity of the hippocampus in particular indicates that using pen and paper may allow people to capture richer spatial details that can later be recalled and navigated in the mind's eye. Given this, the team added, one may potentially be able to improve the recollection of notes recorded digitally by adding unique markups — such as highlighting, underlining, circling or adding arrows — that mimic written notetaking practices.

While the current study focussed on learning and recollection, the researchers said that they would encourage the use of paper for other creative pursuits as well.

The full findings of the study were published in the journal *Frontiers in Behavioral Neuroscience*.

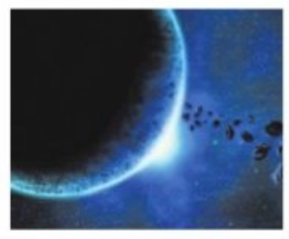
FACT OF THE MATTER

Bids invited for mammoth tusk

PALEONTOLOGY

Although woolly mammoths have not roamed the Earth for thousands of years, their remains are still being uncovered around the world – and a recent find may be one-of-a-kind. A miner in Alaska stumbled upon a tusk that belonged to a beast some 30,000 years ago, but the elongated tooth's natural brownish coloring was intertwined with stunning shades of blue. The 82-inch tusk features a greenish-blue coloration due to the replacement of the mineral vivianite during the fossilization process. "One of the interesting thing about this tusk is that the consignor named it 'The OCEAN," Craig Kissick, director, nature and science at the Heritage Auction, told Daily Mail. It is expected to fetch around $70,000.

Asteroid to zoom past us



SPACE

A massive asteroid first discovered 20 years ago will come within 1.25 million miles of the Earth on Sunday, before being flung out into deep space, NASA revealed. Dubbed 2001 FO32, it is twice the size of the Eiffel Tower at 2,230ft in diameter, making it the largest space rock to pass the Earth so far this year. As 2001 FO32 makes its inner solar system journey, the asteroid 'picks up speed like a skateboarder rolling down a halfpipe, and then slows after being flung back out into deep space and swinging back toward the sun,' NASA explained. The space agency says it 'poses no danger to the Earth' as even at its closest point it will be more than five times further way from our planet than the moon.

NASA brings moon back on itinerary

TECH

WASHINGTON: NASA successfully carried out a key static test of its troubled Space Launch System rocket on Thursday, a win for the agency as it prepares to return to the Moon. The second "hot fire" test saw all four of the rocket's RS-25 engines fire simultaneously for the full duration of eight minutes, producing a maximum of 1.6 million pounds of thrust.

The test's success came as a relief to the agency after an earlier run involving the 212-foot (65-meter) high core stage at the Stennis Space Center near Bay St. Louis was cut short in January. Thursday's test was required to collect data on how the core stage behaves during critical operations like throttling engines up and down and moving them in a variety of patterns. The rocket's tanks were filled with 700,000 gallons of liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen. Engineers will analyze the data and decide whether the stage is ready to be refurbished and transported by barge to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

European countries to restart vax drive

COVID

LONDON: The EU's leading states are to restart their rollout of the Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine after Europe's medicines regulator concluded it was "safe and effective". The European Medicines Agency (EMA) reviewed the jab after 13 European countries suspended use of the vaccine over fears of a link to blood clots.

It found the jab was "not associated" with a higher risk of clots. Germany, France, Italy and Spain said they would resume using the jab. It is up to individual EU states to decide whether and when to re-start vaccinations using the AstraZeneca vaccine. Sweden said it needed a "few days" to decide.

The World Health Organization (WHO) on Thursday called on countries to continue using the vaccine, and is due to release the results of its own review into the vaccine's safety on Friday.

The agency's investigation focused on a small number of cases of unusual blood disorders. In particular, it was looking at cases of cerebral venous thrombosis - blood clots in the head.

Decisions to suspend use of the vaccine sparked concerns over the pace of the region's vaccination drive, which had already been affected by supply shortages.

STERILE SEPIA

A near-deserted thoroughfare in Amritsar on Friday after Punjab went for night curfews to throttle the rising number of Covid-19 cases | AFP

Metakovan reveals his real identity

ART

MUMBAI: An Indian-born blockchain entrepreneur has revealed himself as the mystery buyer who paid a record $69.3 million for a digital artwork last week, describing his purchase as a shot fired for racial equality.

Programmer **Vignesh Sundaresan** (inset), who is based in Singapore, said in a blog post Thursday that he had purchased the most expensive digital artwork ever sold to "show Indians and people of color that they too could be patrons" of the arts.

In the blog post Thursday, he credited his rise from an engineering student with "no money" to a millionaire serial entrepreneur to his discovery of cryptocurrencies in 2013. "This is the crown jewel, the most valuable piece of art for this generation," Sundaresan said of the piece.

Oz bushfires spew record smoke

CLIMATE

The bushfires that ravaged Australia between 2019 and 2020 were so huge that they spewed as much smoke into the stratosphere as a large volcanic eruption, with serious consequences for the environment, according to a study published Thursday in the journal Science. The stratosphere is the second layer of the atmosphere, right above the troposphere — where we live. "For us it was a huge surprise" to see such a significant effect, study co-author Ilan Koren, a professor at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, told AFP. "I never saw such an injection (of smoke) to the stratosphere," he said. The amount of smoke released by the fires is comparable to that put out by the eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines in 1991, which was the second-largest of the 20th century. Researchers noted the smoke drifted away from Australia to the east, and then returned again from the west two weeks later.

HARVARD PROJECT

Earth was a waterworld 4 billion yrs ago with ocean deep enough to drown Mt Everest

STUDY

A new analysis suggests Earth may have been a water world three to four billion years ago with a global ocean large enough to have submerged Mount Everest.

Scientists at Harvard University examined our planet's ancient mantle and found that in ages past it was four times hotter due to radioactivity, and would therefore not be able to hold the current amount of water.

"We find that water storage capacity in a hot, early mantle may have been smaller than the amount of water Earth's mantle currently holds, so the additional water in the mantle today would have resided on the surface of the early Earth and formed bigger oceans," according to the study published in AGU. However, the planet eventual began to cool, allowing minerals deep inside the mantle to slowly isolate the ancient ocean – leaving behind the land seen today.

The idea of Earth being a water world has been used as the plot of many stories and even the 1995 film Waterworld. The theory has also been a topic among the scientific community that has been decades investigating it. And Harvard scientists looked deep underground to find an answer. The mantle, which sits between Earth's super-heated core and the crust, is more than 1,800 miles thick and makes up 84 percent of our planet's total volume.

The thick layer was warmed by radioactivity billions of years ago, which would have inhibited minerals from holding a vast amount of oxygen and hydrogen as they do today. Planetary scientist Junjie Dong told Science Magazine: "That suggests the water must have been somewhere else. And the most likely reservoir is the surface."

The team focused on high-pressure forms of volcanic minerals found in the mantle that store water – olivine, hydrous wadsleyite and ringwoodite.

Current samples of each were collected, which the team determined hydrous wadsleyite contains about three percent water and ringwoodite around one percent.

Previous work exposed hydrous wadsleyite and ringwoodite to intense pressure and temperatures found in the modern-day mantle to understand each one's water storage capacity, Science Alert reports.

Building off from this research, Dong and his team used the available mineral physics data and calculated the water storage capacity for the two under a range of temperatures and pressures - including those said to have existed billions of years ago. Researchers found that both have lower storage capacities when under intense temperatures, which was the case when Earth formed 4.54 billion years ago.

And the results mean our current mantle has a higher water storage capacity than previously.

In the case of olivine minerals, it was determined that more were crystallized in the Earth's mantle over billions of years and also helped the mantle retain more water.

"The bulk water storage capacity of Earth's solid mantle was significantly affected by secular cooling due to its constituent minerals' temperature dependent storage capacities," researchers wrote in the study.

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DAY'S DIARY

Welcome to KFC!

On this day in 1930, Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) was founded by Colonel Harland Sanders, an entrepreneur who began selling fried chicken from his roadside restaurant in Corbin, Kentucky

PERFECT RECIPE

Forty-year-old Sanders began feeding hungry travellers. He spent the next nine years perfecting his secret blend of 11 herbs and spices, as well as the basic cooking technique that is still used today

LATE FAME

Col Sanders didn't franchise Kentucky Fried Chicken until he was 62, and didn't become an icon until after he sold his company at 75

COMICS

The Colonel's Adventure Comics depicts early events in Colonel Sanders' life that eventually led to the discovery of his real super power: fried chicken

Hariprriya bags lead in Upendra-Shashank's film
PG 4

This summer, look and feel cool with the hottest trend in town. Designers share how kaftans can help you look chic without giving up on comfort

IN FREE FLOW

Designs by House of Soi and Tania George (right)

MONIKA MONALISA

BE it a beach vacation, cocktails over brunch or any summer outing, kaftans, these days, are no longer restricted to just home wear. In its glamorous new avatar, this free-flowing attire is slowly becoming a new wardrobe staple. Case in point: Kareena Kapoor Khan's quarantine look or Bipasha Basu's pictures showing her soaking in the sun at Maldives in a kaftan. Fashionistas everywhere seem to be swearing by this trending outfit.

Archana Shah, founder of House of Soi, says, "Kaftans are easy and free-flowing, irrespective of the material it is made of." And, of course, the pandemic and work-from-home lifestyle had a role to play. "Dressing casually has turned into a preference now. Everyone wants comfort clothing and kaftans tick all boxes when it comes to being casual and trendy," she adds. The kaftans start from ₹4,800.

Tania George, who owns a luxury boutique brand called Boucle, will immediately reassure you if you have any doubts about the versatility of this design. Traditionally comprising a single-fabric robe, the designs have been customised in various ways. "You now have elastic-tied kaftans, string-tied kaftans and side-stitched kaftans. The possibilities are endless," says George, speaking to *CE* form her boutique on Commercial Street. She adds, "Many have also started wearing it for weddings, by adding embroidery and embellishments to make it appropriate for evening wear," she adds.

The choice of fabric can also tweak the look. If you want the glam quotient to be toned down, opt for silk. "The moment you add silk to any garment, it immediately lifts the mood and look of the outfit. You can team it up with a pearl or kundan set or silver jewellery. This fits well for a sangeet or cocktail party. The other material that works equally well as silk is satin, satin silk and chiffon which also goes well for these occasions," says city-based fashion designer Aruba Mariam, who runs her own label. "And with summer here, one can look out for more free-size pieces coming in trend," she adds.

Many women have also started wearing kaftans for weddings, by adding embroidery and embellishments to make it appropriate for evening wear

- **Tania George, owner, Boucle**

Back in time

Often associated with words like 'boho' and 'mystic', this flowy piece of garment is believed to have originated in ancient Mesopotamia. Different variations of kaftans were worn by both men and women in different parts of North and West Africa, primarily worn in hot climates to regulate body temperature. But they were not just for lighter occasions. Ottaman sultans were known for wearing kaftans with lavish designs, which is also a trend that is staging a comeback.

Veena Jain at the expo, which features over 90 stalls | MEGHANA SASTRY

Craft at the heart

Ceramic items from UP, paintings from Bengal, and more are on display at an expo, inaugurated by Veena Jain on Friday

SANATH PRASAD

It's been a year of struggle for the artistic community who have significantly been hit by the pandemic. However, this nine-day expo, ahead of Ugadi, gives a glimmer of hope to artisans and the community at large. On Friday evening, the Indian Art and Craft Bazaar was inaugurated by Veena Jain, Mrs India Globe, at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath.

A wide range of art and craft products, painstakingly created by craftsmen across the country are currently on display. Shibori wood carvings, metal crafts, fibre crafts, Kalamkari kurtis, lamp shades, and more have been grabbing the attention of shoppers. Jain, who interacted with the artistes and exhibitors from various states, told *CE*, "I loved exploring these incredible creations for which so much thought and creativity have gone in. Actually, I am shopping after a long time, not having really done so because of the pandemic," she says. While online shopping has taken over, Jain still likes the real-life shopping experience. "Street shopping is different. Here, there's a touch-and-feel experience while looking at handmade products or sarees," she added.

From ceramic items from Kurja in Uttar Pradesh to Kalighat paintings from West Bengal, the expo aims to showcase handmade materials. According to the organisers, 'Creative Hands' is the theme of the exhibition, which places focus on handmade and organic products. Even as craftsmen hope that this exhibition will be a stepping stone to many others, they share their hardships owing to the pandemic. "I've brought 400 sarees and I'm hoping that we can at least sell 60 per cent of them," said Akhtar Ali, who has come to the city from Kashmir. Rakesh, another exhibitor from Uttar Pradesh, who is exhibiting bangles, added, "My business nosedived completely. We are just hoping for a high footfall ahead of Ugadi."

In addition to over 90 stalls, the expo will also have cultural performances like a puppet show, Bhangra and Ghoomer dance sessions.

The exhibition is being held at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Kumarakrupa Road, till March 28, 11am - 7.30pm. Entry free.

Natasha Celmi, a city-based chef, cookbook author and food blogger, dishes out fun food related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are.

GRUB HUB

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The first prize winner this week will also receive a voucher worth ₹2,400 (approx) for 'Taste of Yauatcha', a six-course lunch for 2, at Yauatcha**

QUESTIONS

1. A heritage spot in Gandhi Bazaar, Vidyarthi Bhavan gets over 3,000 walk-ins, which include writers, artists and film stars. How did the iconic joint get its name?
2. Breakfast in ooru is incomplete without these staples. Unscramble 'no bed seen' and 'live raid' to come up with these two Bengaluru specialities.
3. This dish is said to have originated in the royal kitchens of Mysore palace. When translated, it means 'hot lentils and rice'. Which dish is being referred to?

**Conditions apply

For more food-related stories and recipes, tum to page 3.

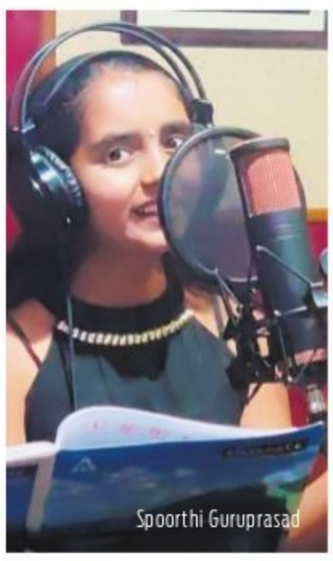
CITY READ

HERITAGE SHOWCASE HELD

Grand Mercure Bengaluru Gopalan Mall on Saturday hosted a heritage showcase for art connoisseurs in the city. The showcase was inaugurated by the historian and author Dr H S Gopal Rao and featured a preview of the heritage series by a rtist K Hiremath, who captures the essences of historic sites in Hampi, Benares and Nepal in his latest collection.

YOUNG TALENT MUSIC FEST

The Bharatiya Samagana Sabha is organising Namasthubhyam, a 'young talent music festival'. It is dedicated to young musicians and the performers include Uthara Unnikrishnan, Spoorthi Rao, Rahul Vellal and Nandini Gaikwad. It will take place on March 27 and 28. For tickets, check BookMyShow.



Spoorthi Guruprasad

RIDING TRANQUIL WAVES OF MUSIC

TINA SHASHIKANTH

The world went through a sea of change in the last one year due to the pandemic. Music was one of the most affected industries. There has been nothing new to boast of in the local music scene in recent times – especially when it comes to Kannada light music.

Filling this gap is the music production house 'Inspire Studios India' that not only aims to foster light music in Kannada, but also gives budding artistes a stage. They are aiming for a synchrony of singers, musicians, sound and visual media experts to create a memorable experience for music buffs.

They will be debuting with its very first light music album 'Baaro Mohana Baaro' on March 20, at a grand event 'Bhaavotsava' to be held at Ravindra Kalakshetra. 'Baaro Mohana Baaro' will feature 11 songs picked from poems penned by stalwarts like Dr H S Venkatesh Murthy, Padmashri Doddarange Gowda, K S Narasimha Swamy, Baagur Markandeya, Kaa Vem Srinivasa Murthy, Prof Narayana Ghatta and others. Music composition is by Rajshekar Nuli.

BHAAVOTSAVA MUSICAL EVENT

March 20, Ravindra Kalakshetra

Chief guest: Vishwapriya Teertha Sreepadangalavaru, Admar Mutt

Presided by: Padmashri Prof Doddarange Gowda

Timings: 5 pm to 8 pm

The album will be a launchpad for Spoorthi Guruprasad, a multi-talented young singer. Even at the age of 4, Guruprasad would regularly visit music classes being held at a temple near her home and listen, enthralled. She started learning Carnatic classical music when she turned 8 and is presently under the tutelage of Vidushi Mala Venkatesh. Studying in Class-7, Guruprasad has also been practising the veena over the last three years. In the album, she has collaborated with famed Kannada singer Rajesh Krishnan.

WATCH LIST

MY OCTOPUS TEACHER (ENGLISH)

Streaming On: Netflix

If you are a fan of blue waters and its ecosystem, this documentary is your best bet. South African filmmaker Craig Foster develops an unusual but fascinating friendship with an octopus in the Atlantic Ocean. He takes you on a journey with an octopus. The one-and-a-half-hour documentary unfolds the extraordinary relationship between Foster and the octopus, who believes in diving into the sea without a suit, indicating his transparency with the marine ecosystem. Director Pippa Ehrlich attempts to drive home the message of positivity and hope and experiments with the possibility of nature and humans co-existing peacefully. **Cast:** Craig Foster, Tom Foster

WANDAVISION (ENGLISH)

Streaming on: Disney+Hotstar

Wanda and Vision lead a blissful life as a married couple. Wanda is a homemaker and Vision goes to the office and the couple later has twins as well. Set in the sitcom world, the episodes make you wonder how the protagonists got here. Although the relationship between Wanda and Vision wasn't significantly developed in the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), WandaVision makes up for this. It explores the relationship between Wanda and Vision, but predominantly depicts Wanda's journey of finding herself and her path to acceptance.

Cast: Elizabeth Olsen, Paul Bettany, Kathryn Hanh

THE BOLD TYPE (ENGLISH)

Streaming on: Netflix

The American comedy drama is inspired by the life and career of former editor-in-chief of Cosmopolitan magazine Joanna Coles, who is executive producer of the series. The series chronicles the lives of three millennial women, portrayed by Katie Stevens, Aisha Dee and Meghann Fahy, all of whom are employed at a fictional global publication called Scarlet in New York City. The fourth season is now out, where the women are now thrust into the digital landscape as they also try to balance their personal lives. In season four, Jane heads a new vertical at Scarlet, Kat's love life needs a fix and Sutton's story stands at a cliffhanger.

Cast: Katie Stevens, Meghann Fahy and Aisha Dee

ZACK SNYDER'S JUSTICE LEAGUE (ENGLISH)

Streaming on: Bookmyshow

Fueled by his restored faith in humanity and inspired by Superman's selfless act, Bruce Wayne enlists newfound ally Diana Prince to face an even greater threat. Batman and Wonder Woman team up to quickly recruit a force to stand against this newly awakened enemy. Despite the formation of a powerful league of heroes like Batman, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Cyborg and the Flash – it may be too late to save the planet from an assault of catastrophic proportions.

Cast: Henry Cavill, Jared Leto and Gal Gadot

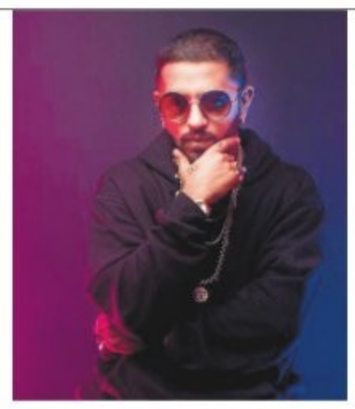
WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

JAPANESE SPECIAL

Head to this restaurant to enjoy dishes from the Land of the Rising Sun. The menu includes Don Buri and Robatayaki specials, along with sake cocktails.
When: Till March 28
Where: Mikusu, Conrad Bengaluru

FASHION FIESTA

Since International Women's Day is celebrated in March, Madhurya Creations has an ongoing month-long sale. It has dupattas, stoles and shawls in a host of weaves including silk, cotton, organza, Benarasi, Kota, chiffon, bandini and more.
When: Till month end
Where: Madhurya Creations, Kanakapura Main Road



INDIE FEST

The first edition of Indieya '21 aims to showcase independent bands/acts in India. The lineup includes Anup KR, Gubbi ft. DJ Panic and Emmjee, One Girl Shy and Joel Jacob.
When: March 21, 8.30pm onwards
Where: Pebble, Princess Academy, Palace Grounds
Tickets: BookMyShow

COFFEE CONVO

Coffeeza launches three new coffee capsules – Cremoso, Forte & their first Single-Origin Coffee Ethiopia – and the new Finero Next Capsule Coffee Machine. Coffeeza capsules are priced at ` 45 and ` 55 and the coffee machine is priced at ` 13,949.
Available on Amazon, Flipkart, TataCliq.

ART SHOW: CHECK OUT THIS SOLO SHOW BY ARTIST M G DODDAMANI. **WHEN & WHERE:** MKF MUSEUM OF ART, LAVELLE ROAD, TILL MARCH 27

Gig alert

This Saturday, catch Shiva Manvi do a special audio-visual set and vibe to the beats of hip-hop and commercial music.
When: March 20, 9pm onwards
Where: Indiranagar Social

Summer shopping

Check out this exhibition where designers and weavers from across India like Taa'ssur, Umoya, Seven Leaves, Lajja, Yarn India, Kuber, etc will be present to showcase their latest designs.
When: March 20, 11am to 7.30pm
Where: Taj Westend, Tamarind Hall, 25, Race Course Road

Mango special

Summer is here, which means it's time to indulge in mangoes. In light of this, this city-based Bengali restaurant will serve dishes, drinks and desserts made using raw mango, like Aam Pora Sharbat, Aam Chanar Cutlet, Aam Kashundi Begun, etc.
Where: Esplanade, Indiranagar
When: Ongoing

Time to shop

Colosootra is curating a range of Kanjivarams, Benarasis and Chanderis for brides. It includes a collection of traditional weaves from across India.
When: March 19-21
Where: Colorsootra RMV 2nd Stage, 5th Block, 2nd Cross

New menu

The Café by Foodhall has launched a new menu, which has been curated with healthy and nutritious options. It includes overnight oats soaked in coconut milk, seasonal fruit, raw honey, soaked chia, toasted nuts and seeds and the Belgian chocolate chip pancakes.
When: Ongoing, 10am to 9pm
Where: Foodhall@ 1MG, MG Road

For the planet

This city-based cafe is gearing up to observe Earth Hour. As part of this, Moksha All Stars will be performing. The event begins with an hour of darkness as the cafe goes candle-lit. The showcase will go acoustic during Earth Hour, followed by a complete set for the evening.
When: March 27, 8.30pm
Where: Hard Rock Cafe, St Marks Road

Hyderabadi feast

The Hebbal Cafe will be setting up a culinary spread called Dawaat-e-Hyderabad. The food festival will present a spread of flavours from Hyderabadi cuisines curated by chef Enayat Khan. **When:** Until March 21
Where: Courtyard by Marriot Bengaluru, Hebbal
Details: 9606482968

Draw and doodle contest

A 'Draw & Doodle contest' is being held by The Talking Canvas for children to be able to show their love for mothers and teachers. The contest is open till March 20 for children aged between 5 to 12 years in three categories: 3-5, 6-9 and 10-12 age groups. For details, visit thetalkingcanvas.com.

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

CHEESE OMELETTE

INGREDIENTS

- **Eggs:** 3 ■ **Milk:** 1 tbsp ■ Salt and freshly ground white pepper to taste ■ **Butter:** 2 tbsp ■ **Shredded cheese:** ¼ cup

METHOD

- Beat eggs in a bowl. Add milk and season with salt and pepper. Whisk for a few minutes until egg mixture is foamy.
- Melt butter in a pan over medium-low heat. Pour the egg mixture. Cook for one minute until the mixture starts to set. Flip omelette and cook for 30-60 seconds. Sprinkle cheese in one line in the middle of the omelette and fold omelette in half. Cook for 20 seconds.

— Supriya Reddy, Hyderabad

FIT BIT

SIRSHA ANGUSTHA YOGASANA

(HEAD TO TOE POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'Shirsha' means head, 'angustha' means big toe, 'yogasana' means posture. This pose plays an important role in opening the energy channels, thereby improving the circulation of energy. It tones the muscles of the abdomen, arms, shoulder, back, thighs and calves. It improves blood circulation between shoulder blades and spine. It strengthens the lungs, a nd hence is beneficial for the respiratory system; improves digestion, energizes and relaxes the body, and calms the mind. The awareness is on the stretch in the leg muscles and spine, shoulders and arms, while keeping the balance, and synchronising the breath with the movement. Spiritually, it stimulates Manipura (Solar Plexus) Chakra.

STEPS

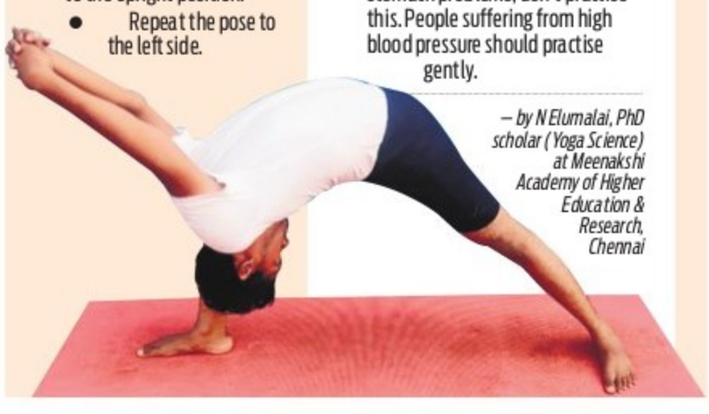
- Stand with your feet one to 1.5 metres apart.
- Interlock your fingers behind. Inhale, roll the shoulder blades back and open the chest.
- Turn your right foot outward at 90 degrees.
- Exhale, bend the right knee. Then, turn the upper body to the right and bend forward over the right leg.
- Move the body forward so that the right shoulder passes the right leg and the head touches the floor next to the right ankle.
- Raise the arms over the head and try to touch them to the floor. Hold the position with normal breath for 10-20 seconds.
- Push the right leg into the ground, inhale and return to the upright position.
- Repeat the pose to the left side.

BENEFITS

- Stretches hamstring muscles.
- Provides lateral stretch to the spine. Stimulates nervous system.
- Removes abdominal complaints.
- Reduces excess weight around the waist. Strengthens and lengthens all the muscles of the body.
- Brings blood flow to the brain.
- Prevents carpal tunnel syndrome.
- Improves focus and relieves lower and middle back pain.
- Helps increasing memory.

LIMITATIONS

- Those with back ailments such as slipped disc or sacral infections, avoid this.
- Give at least 3-4 hours gap between meal and practise.
- Anyone with an injury in ankles, wrists and back, avoid this.
- If you suffer from cardiac or stomach problems, don't practise this. People suffering from high blood pressure should practise gently.



— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUND BOARD

THE MUSAFIR STORIES- INDIA TRAVEL PODCAST

The Musafir Stories talks about iconic and, in fact, all sorts of travel destinations. The podcast series is hosted by Saif Omar and Faiza Khan who talk to fellow travellers about their various adventures across India. It sounds like a good, authentic conversation between people and is quite informative as well.
- Available on Spotify

MAED IN INDIA

Maed in India prides itself on being India's first indie music podcast and features conversations with, well, independent musicians from India and abroad. From unreleased music to unknown music stories, they have it all. It's great for discovering new music, too.
- Available on Spotify

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POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

RAAM

Raam, a final year B.E student studying in Bellary comes to visit his joint family in Mysore in the vacation. His cousin's marriage is fixed. But his cousin loves another NRI. Knowing this Ram helps his cousin to get her married to her lover.
- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Priyamani

AIYANNA

Aiyanna is a good Samaritan living with his wife and a caring brother. However, when he and his wife are murdered by a gang of criminals, his brother decides to take revenge.
- Cast: Darshan, Namitha

HUBLI

An unidentified person is badly injured but is saved by an ex-service man and his daughter. He recovers slowly but loses his memory.
- Cast: Sudeep, Rakshita

JODI

Kannan falls in love with Gayathri but both decide to win the hearts of each other's family members and marry with their consent.
- Cast: Prashanth, Simran, Nassar, Trisha

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 HOW TO LEAD IN A CRISIS BY EMY C. EDMONDSON

Humility, transparency and urgency are the keys to successfully steering an organisation – big or small – through the challenges that come your way. Leadership expert Amy C Edmondson provides clear advice and examples to help any leader rise to the occasion.

2 COULD WE HARNESS THE POWER OF A BLACK HOLE BY FABIO PACUCCI

Imagine a distant future when humans reach beyond Earth, forge cities on planets thousands of light-years away, and maintain a galactic web of trade and transport. Fabio Pacucci explores the possibility of harnessing energy from a black hole to power a galactic civilisation.

3 THE HIDDEN TREASURES OF TIMBUKTU BY ELIZABETH COX

On the edge of the vast Sahara desert, citizens snuck out of the city of Timbuktu and took to the wilderness. They buried chests of the city's ancient books in the sand, hid them in caves, and sealed them in secret rooms. Elizabeth Cox digs into the literary tradition of Timbuktu.

4 WHAT IT TAKES TO CREATE SOCIAL CHANGE AGAINST ALL ODDS BY RALPH NADER

Over his decades-long career as a political activist, Ralph Nader has helped expose some of the greatest misdeeds of large corporations. Tracing the arc of his time advocating for change, Nader shares how he helped catalyse social progress against overwhelming odds – and shows how you can participate in advancing the common good.

5 TO SAVE THE CLIMATE, REIMAGINE CAPITALISM BY REBECCA HENDERSON

Economist Rebecca Henderson describes how unchecked capitalism destabilizes the environment and harms human health – and makes the case for companies to step up and help fix the climate crisis they're causing.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

THITHI (Kannada)

In a South Indian village, a centenarian's funeral brings together his free-spirited son, inheritance-hungry grandson and girl-crazy great-grandson.
Cast: Thammegowda S, Channegowda, Abhishek H.N.
- Watch on: Netflix

ENTHA MANCHIVAADAVURAA (Telugu)

Balu grows up without the love of a family due to his parents' untimely death. Later, he decides to establish a firm to help people like himself receive the affection they missed out on.
Cast: Meherene Kaur Pirzada, Baladitya, Pooja Ramachandran, Pavitra Lokesh
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

GIRL ON THE TRAIN (Hindi)

A recent divorcee spends her daily commute fantasising about a seemingly perfect couple who live in a house that her train passes daily, until something shocking happens there one day.
Cast: Parineeti Chopra, Aditi Rao Hydari, Kirti Kulhari, Avinash Tiwary
- Watch on: Netflix

SAAJAN BAKERY SINCE 1962 (Malayalam)

Saajan Bakery Since 1962 revolves around a family-owned bakery that faces sibling rivalry between the two children of the Bakery's founder Saajan.
Cast: Lena, Aju Varghese, Grace Antony, KB Ganesh Kumar
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

KILOMETRES & KILOMETRES (Malayalam)

A poor tour guide from Kerala takes an American client on a journey through India. During their travels, the changing landscapes and experiences help them reshape their understanding of each other.
Cast: Tovino Thomas, India Jarvis, Sidhartha Siva, Basil Joseph
- Watch on: Netflix

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

PREMAM (Malayalam)

While George's first love turns out to be a disappointment, Malar, a college lecturer, rekindles his love interest. His romantic journey takes him through several stages, helping him find his purpose.
Cast: Nivin Pauly, Anupama Parameswaran, Sai Pallavi, Madonna Sebastian
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

WAITING (Hindi)

Tara, a married woman, meets Shiv, an elderly professor, at a hospital where their spouses are admitted. The two develop an extraordinary friendship as they get to know each other.
Cast: Naseeruddin Shah, Kalki Koechlin, Arjun Mathur, Suhasini Maniratnam
- Watch on: Netflix

ENGLISH

PIECES OF A WOMAN

A heartbreaking home birth leaves a woman grappling with the profound emotional fallout, isolated from her partner and family by a chasm of grief.
Cast: Vanessa Kirby, Shia LaBeouf, Ellen Burstyn, Molly Parker
- Watch on: Netflix

MANK

1930s Hollywood is reevaluated through the eyes of scathing wit and alcoholic screenwriter Herman J. Mankiewicz as he races to finish "Citizen Kane."
Cast: Gary Oldman, Amanda Seyfried, Lily Collins, Tom Burke, Tuppence Middleton
- Watch on: Netflix

MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTOM

Tensions rise when trailblazing blues singer Ma Rainey and her band gather at a recording studio in Chicago in 1927.
Cast: Chadwick Boseman, Viola Davis, Taylour Paige, Glynn Turman
- Watch on: Netflix

THE BOY

Greta accepts the job of a nanny for a wealthy couple's child and is disturbed when she finds out the child is a doll. However, when she mishandles the doll, she is shocked to find that it is alive.
Cast: Lauren Cohan, Katie Holmes, James Russell, Rupert Evans
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION
Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
Netflix: ₹ 199 per month
Disney+Hotstar: ₹ 399 per year

EVENTS

Saturday special

Enjoy a spread of kebabs, biryani and beer at CUR8, an all-day dining restaurant. Executive sous chef Dirham Haque will curate a selection of different biryanis the country has to offer, featuring Dum Pukht Biryani and Awadhi Subz Biryani.

When: Saturdays
Where: Four Seasons Hotel Bengaluru at Embassy ONE, 8, Bellary Road

Food fest

Shiro will be presenting a new lunch experience with Sushi & Sangria menu. The spread includes truffle sriracha prawns, ceviche maki, pepper salmon, spicy Avocado and more.

When: Ongoing
Where: UB City

Biryani time

Ssaffron is bringing together 'Flavours of Royalty', which is a special biryani menu. It will offer Ambur Mutton Biryani, Bhavnagri Chiili Bharvan Biryani, Mughlai Murgh Biryani, etc.

When: Till March 28
Where: Ssafron, Shangri-La Hotel, Bengaluru

Sweet treat

With this workshop, you can bake your cake and eat it too. Learn how to make Dutch Truffle Chocolate Cake and Mango Cream Cake at this eggless cake workshop.

When: March 24, 3.30pm
Where: Online; tickets available on Paytm Insider

Salmon and broccoli quiche

Ingredients

For crust

Flour - 300 gm
Cold butter (cut into cubes) - 200 gm
Salt - 5 gm
Cold water - 100 ml

For mixture

Salmon cubes - 150 gm
Broccoli - 100 gm
Mozzarella - 80 gm
Eggs - 3
Heavy cream - 300 ml
Salt - 15 gm
Black pepper - 3 gm

Method

1. Make a dough using flour, salt and butter. Add in cold water until the required consistency is achieved.
2. Cover and keep dough in refrigerator minimum for 45 minutes.
3. Roll dough and put into greased pie dish.
4. Blind bake in pre-heated oven at 180 degree for 25 minutes.
5. In a bowl, beat eggs with cream and season using salt and pepper powder.
6. Add in salmon cubes and broccoli.
7. Put the prepared mixture on pie and sprinkle mozzarella cheese on top and put it for baking again.
8. Once it gets cooked, allow it to cool and cut into desired pieces and serve.

- Altamsh Patel, executive chef, Oakwood Premier Prestige Bangalore

Creamy rosemary infused mushroom and caramelised onion quiche

Ingredients

For short crust pastry

Flour - 225 gm
Butter (cold, unsalted) - 150 gm
Salt - a pinch
Water - 3 tbsp

For filling

Onion - 1
Mushroom - 100 gm
Rosemary - 10 gm
Cream- 50gms
Egg - 1
Garlic - 2 cloves

Method

1. In a bowl, add flour, salt and butter and rub the butter into the flour till it reaches sand-like consistency.
2. Add water and knead.
3. Keep in fridge to chill for 30 minutes

For the filling

1. Add oil to a pan add sliced onion sauté till brown. Add rosemary and mushroom and cook till the water evaporates.
2. Put off the gas and add a blob of butter.
3. Once mixture is cooled, add cream and egg and mix it all together. Season the mixture.

Putting it all together

1. Take dough out from the fridge, grease the tart mould. Roll the dough out to a 2 mm, cut the dough as per your mould.
2. Once dough is placed in the mould, take a fork and make some holes in the base of the tart.
3. Butter paper is then placed on top of the dough with some beans.
4. This process is called blind baking, which prevents the dough from rising.
5. Now bake in the over for 20 minutes at 180 degrees C.
6. After 20 minutes, remove the butter paper and the beans and add the filling.
7. Bake for another 20 minutes.
8. Once pastry and filling is golden brown, take it out of the oven and let it cool for 10 minutes.
9. Once cool, take it out of the mould and serve.

- Rhea Aaron, Klaa Kitchen

QUICK AS quiche

This weekend, why not bake your quiche and eat it too? Here are some simple recipes to try at home

Spinach, Roasted Tomato and Cheddar Quiche

For the short crust

Unsalted butter-200 gm
Refined flour- 400 gm
Table salt- 7.5 gm
Fresh thyme -1 gm

Method

1. In a bowl, mix refined flour that's sifted along with table salt and fresh thyme removed from the stem.
2. Make a well in the centre and place cold chopped butter. Make the dough by rubbing butter into the flour mixture.
3. With the heat of your palm, the butter and flour begin to form a smooth dough.
4. Once incorporated, roll out flat and allow it to refrigerate for one hour.

For the quiche mixture

26 per cent full cream- 500 gm
Egg yolks- 80 gm
French mustard- 5 gm
Fresh course black pepper- a pinch
Table salt- 5 gm
Fresh spinach- 75 gm
Chopped garlic- 2.5 gm
Chopped leeks- 20 gm
Chopped red onion - 40 gm
Red cherry tomatoes - 150 gm
Grated English cheddar-100 gm
Roasted pine nuts- 15 gm

Method

1. Using a balloon whisk, beat egg yolks, mustard, salt, black pepper and pour in the cream mixture.
2. In a cast iron sauce pan, warm oil and add in onions, leeks, garlic and toss for a few minutes on high heat.
3. Remove from the heat and add chopped spinach, halved cherry tomatoes and grated cheddar.

For the quiche ensemble

1. Pre-heat the oven to 180 degrees Celsius. Take out the quiche dough and roll it to 5 mm thickness, 5 cm more in diameter than the size of your quiche ring. Place the dough over the quiche ring. You could use a plain or serrated edge. Blind bake the quiche dough by placing butter paper with large beans over it as weight for 20 minutes.
2. Take it out of the oven, remove the butter paper & beans and further bake it for 10 minutes until biscuit brown. Then allow it to cool for 10 minutes.
3. Place the spinach and cherry tomato mixture over the blind baked quiche base and pour the cream + yolk mixture until 2 mm below the brim. Bake for 15 minutes at 160 degrees Celsius with a golden-brown crust on the top.
4. Sprinkle roasted pine nuts and serve. Enjoy the quiche slice with a dollop of sour cream.

– Ruby Islam, pastry chef, ITC Windsor

Colours & cuisines

EXPRESS FEATURES

IT'S that time of the year again when everyone arms themselves with *pichkaris* as they gear up for a fun battle of colours and more. With Holi just around the corner, restaurants in the city too are coming out with a slew of special offers and dishes that will make the festive season more special. Take, for instance, JW Marriott Hotel Bengaluru has introduced a Holi-themed brunch, which will offer a variety of festive offerings like chilled Thandai, Aam Panna, Vodka Shot Golgappa, Gosht Dalcha, Gosht Ka Soweta, Tari Wala Desi Kukad, Guncha-o-keema, Shahi Pitod and more. Besides a feast, the one-day event will also have a DJ on board on March 28, from 12.30 to 3.30pm.

At Courtyard by Marriott Bengaluru Hebbal, The Hebbal Café is offering a special brunch on March 28 and 29, priced at ₹1,999 ++ per person (non-alcoholic package) with add on alcohol package at ₹999.

Chowman, on the other hand, is offering Chinese style dishes that pair well with bhaang. These include Crispy Honey Fried Wontons, Fried Chicken Wings, Lat Mai Kai, Butter Garlic Fish, Stir-Fried Vegetables in Pepper Garlic Sauce, Exotic Vegetable in Chilli Basil Sauce, and more. These are available to order on March 28 and 29, via the Chowman app, Swiggy and Zomato.

Khandani Rajdhani will also be bringing back its Rangeelo Rajasthan festival, to be held across all its outlets. The offer will be available from March 26 to 29, where seasonal holi dishes will be available on a rotational basis, with the thali. Thandai and gujiyas will be served as a part of the curated Holi menu, which will include variants like Gulab and Kesar Thandai and Mawa Gujiya.

JANIN KANNOTH

Spirit of summer

FAHRENHEIT is rising and here is how you can pick the right wine in this weather.

Summer calls for a light wine, and unoaked white wines will really get the job done. My suggestions are Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio and Voigner. These are unoaked, with a delicate mouth feel and pleasing fruit flavours.

All types of chilled rose wine and sparkling wines are also good in this season. Some of the roses are heavy but an ice-cold rose will help to beat the heat.

Chilled champagne and sparkling wines are also good options as summer wines. A good sparkler will reward you with the zipping of tiny bubbles and, of course, the delightful fizziness and icy, fruity flavour.

When it comes to red wine, it is always better to go for a light body, maybe some that pair with barbeque and other summer foods. Pinot Noir, Grenache, Sangiovese and Tempranillo will be the better choices. Of these, the Pinot Noir will be an excellent choice with most grilled meat and even seafood.

Choosing a wine is completely subjective. How everyone defines an honest wine is exclusive to them and their taste buds. Here are some things to consider:

ACIDITY: High acidity means more tart. Low acidity will taste richer.

TANNIN: It is a phenolic component in the skin of grapes. Tannin will give a more bitter taste, and also dry out your mouth. It gives red wine a dry and bitter finish.

BODY: Wine characterised as light body, full body or somewhere in between. Body of the wine indicates how light/heavy it feels in your mouth. Generally red wine has a fuller body than white.

ALCOHOL: Higher the percentage of the content of alcohol, it will warm your throat and the back of your mouth. It is measured in percentage of alcohol by volume (ABV). It can range from 5.5 to 20 per cent. If you are new to wine, it is always better to start with a white wine or rose wine.

(The author is the resident mixologist and beverage manager, URU Brewpark)

PERFECT PAIRING

While the old adage is that red wine pairs best with bold flavoured meats (red meat), and white wine pairs best with light intensity meat (fish or chicken), the array of wines available make such choices entirely up to the individual. As a general indicator, I think that the wine should have an equivalent flavour intensity compared to the food, and it is better to pair the wine with the sauce rather than with the meat.

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'AT SOME POINT, ACTORS NEED TO SHIFT FROM BEING JUST A REGULAR HEROINE'

...says actor Sonu Gowda who is now awaiting the release of Puneeth Rajkumar-starrer *Yuvarathnaa*

A SHARADHAA

SONU Gowda's role in *Gultoo* is what got her the role in *Yuvarathnaa,* reveals the actor. In fact, she got to know about this only when she was curious to know what made director Santhosh Ananddram choose her for the role. The commercial entertainer has a huge cast, including Puneeth Rajkumar, Sayyeshaa, Dhananjay, Diganth, Prakash Raj, among others. Despite this ensemble of artistes, Sonu admits she initially had her apprehensions to play the role, which, eventually, changed when she entered the sets. "Will I be recognised? I didn't want to be part of a film where I am just there for the sake of it. So, when Santhosh approached me, I had so many questions running in my mind. However, looking at things in entirety, I decided to take it up since the film that stars Puneeth Rajkumar in the lead, and was being made under Hombale Productions. These were a couple of reasons that drove me to take up this project," she says.

The actor says that there comes a point in time when an actor needs to shift from being just a regular heroine. "I can't keep sitting and waiting for a perfect role every time. Along the way, I realised how much value this character has got, and my insecurities slowly faded away. Eventually, my zeal started building and I was all enthusiastic to play the role," says Sonu, adding, "I've never had an issue about starring in a multi-starrer. What I look at is the prominence given to me as an actor," she says. Every artistes of *Yuvarathnaa* has been instructed to be tight-lipped about their respective roles. "My character is strong-headed. I was happy that most of my portions were shot in universities. And most importantly, this film doesn't have me paired opposite anybody," she tells us.

Apart from *Yuvarathnaa,* Sonu has completed the shooting of a Tamil web series. "Covid-19 had put me indoors for a long time. I stayed at home and enjoyed watching films. Now, I am looking forward to watching *Yuvarathnaa,* and awaiting for good scripts come by," she signs off.

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Haripriya bags lead in Upendra, Shashank's film

Upendra

The actor is on cloud nine and is looking forward to working with the hero and director

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Haripriya, who has often stressed about on taking up projects that explore her versatility, says she wants to live up to the standards she has set. The actor is elated to be part of Shashank's upcoming directorial, in which she will be paired opposite Upendra. "I have been wanting to work with Upendra in a full-fledged film. It has finally come true. Director Shashank is known to give scope for performance for heroines. The roles have with strong characterisation. I have heard the script, and the director has designed a good character for me," says Haripriya.

Haripriya was also signed for K Madesh's directorial *Lagaam.* This announcement was made before lockdown, however, the actor says that there is no further update from the team. "I was signed for *Lagaam,* but I don't know where the project stands. I don't think it will start anytime soon," says Haripriya, adding, "As of now, I will be juggling between Jayatheertha's *Bell Bottom 2* and this yet-to-be-titled project by Shashank," she says.

The actor has also completed shoot for *Happy Ending*, Vijayaprasad's *Petromax* which stars Sathish Ninasam, and the remake of *Evaru*. "I have to make up for whatever I lost in 2020, and I am glad to be a busy bee with interesting films coming my way," she says.

Haripriya

A predictable slow-burn thriller

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They say that after a person's death, it is his deeds, both good and bad, that decide his legacy. *Munduverada Adhyaya* is a film that is based on this concept. Bala (Aditya), a police officer, is tasked with taking forward the story of people, both dead and alive, who are involved in a case.

Interestingly, the hero enters the picture only 30 minutes after the start and is entrusted with a case that is essentially about two missing people — Achari, a doctor, and journalist Sakshi. In addition, there is Vishwa Narayan, a dead contractor. All accusations are thrown at the local MLA as the incident occurs around a medical camp he organised. Achari's boyfriend Karan and Sakshi's live-in partner Chintan also enter the fray. Apart from these central characters, Bala also faces a few more players like inspector Sharath Iyer, a senior citizen, a cab driver/social worker, and a IIT student. Would Bala be able to connect the dots, and find the motive behind the twin crimes of kidnap and murder? All of this unfolds in the rest of the movie.

MUNDUVERADA ADHYAYA

Cast : Aditya, Ajay Raj, and Ashika Somashekar

Director : Balu Chandrashekar

Producer: Kanaja Enterprises

RATING 2.5/5

Filmmaker Balu Chandrashekar, who has chosen murder and kidnap as the themes for his first investigative drama, is subtle and sometimes dry in his direction. There is no room for suspense as the story, centered around the victims, is recapped at regular intervals. The film would make sense even if you walk into the theatre with 30 minutes left on the clock.

Since the director is focused on keeping the proceedings real, there is very little heroics for the lead, which in turn, makes the character very ordinary. Aditya's potential feels underutilised in the film, where several characters just make up the numbers, and even senior actors are relegated to blink-and-you-miss-it roles.

Munduverada Adhyaya is a slow-paced film that lacks thrills and action. However, it is all on the audience to choose how they want to immerse themselves into the investigative drama.

SNYDER'S CUT IS LEAGUES ABOVE THE ORIGINAL

GOPINATH RAJENDRAN

COMMISSIONER Gordon switching on the Bat-Signal to summon the caped crusader is a familiar idea from the comics, cartoons, and why, even films. But picture this... A dark night gets illuminated by a spotlight, bearing the bat symbol, in the sky, while rain falls in sheets. It's almost a black and white visual, save for blue flashes of lightning. The man, behind the signal, James Gordon (JK Simmons), is seeking shelter under a fluttering, almost tattered plastic sheet. And like a moth, or should I say a bat, to the flame, a brute of a man, dressed in so much black that he could be a piece of the all-consuming darkness, makes his presence known. Another flash of blue shows you the statue of a gargoyle beneath him. And this is the whole series of shots covering the arrival of the Batman after he's summoned. It's also what separates an actual scene from the writing, excellence in execution from an idea on paper, between Zack Snyder and... let's just say, others who aren't visionaries enough to create a compelling product that does not feel mass-produced.

The Zack Snyder cut of Justice League ends with a dedication, 'For Autumn', to his daughter, whose demise caused him to leave the 2017 film midway. The final frame of this film also served to start a movement with millions of fans demanding this version of the film that is now finally out on BookMyShow's new streaming site (BookMyShow Stream). The idea that the journey is more important than the destination, is never more clearer than here, in a film whose ending has been known for years. Snyder's answer is a four-hour marathon, which, at twice the runtime of the original, is an experience far more gratifying than what we endured, four years ago.

The original film had disproportionate highs and lows. The characters felt underdeveloped when they were all forced together. DC's rivals, meanwhile, had spent four years and five films before uniting its ensemble cast (*The Avengers,* whose director Joss Whedon took over the 2017 *Justice League* after Snyder's departure). While the length of *Zack Snyder's Justice League* (ZSJL) might be a deal-breaker for the impatient, it must be noted that the six chapters and the epilogue are not merely indulgences; they serve to flesh out the characters in a way that makes them integral to the story. Instead of an abrupt opening scene like in the first, *ZSJL* begins right at the end of *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice.* This version answers a lot of the whos and hows, and serves up a bigger canvas in which the picture is painted in vivid, carefully chosen colours, thus resulting in a deeper, more logical, more moving experience. We get the origins story for characters who weren't adequately introduced in earlier films. We get a cameo from *Aquaman's* mentor, Nuidis Vulko (Willem Dafoe); we encounter new characters like Ryan Choi (Zheng Kai) and Iris West (Kiersey Clemons), and many famous comic book characters whose appearances are sure to send fans into a tizzy.

The duration also serves to explain the past and the present of Victor Stone/Cyborg (Ray Fisher), who Snyder has often called the 'heart' of this film. During the opening credits, the film's title appears when Cyborg is on the frame. The serial number allocated to the MacGuffin happens to be 61982, a hat-tip to June 1982, when the first comic book edition of Tales of the New Teen Titans that featured Cyborg, came out. While the 2017 film showcased him as an anger-fuelled teenager, *ZSJL* is more interested in capturing the psyche of a person who has lost everything. Even the secondary characters bring more heart into this film. One of them, for some instance, is shown losing her house to the bank. Whoever heard of a superhero facing a financial struggle (Marvel finally gets into this space with its latest series, *The Falcon and the Winter Soldier*). *Justice League's* villain, Steppenwolf, in this film, answers to a bigger master and even gets a purpose as someone who is "undone by his self-pride" and "got a debt to pay". It may be sacrilegious to suggest it, but I almost wished a bit more time had been spent on his story to make him more compelling. It's also interesting that this version of the film introduces us to one of the biggest villains in the whole of the comic book world.

ZACK SNYDER'S JUSTICE LEAGUE MOVIE

Cast: Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Gal Gadot, Ezra Miller, Jason Momoa, Ray Fisher

Director: Zack Snyder

Streaming on: BookMyShow Stream

RATING 4/5

What's a DC ensemble film without *Wonder Woman* (Gal Gadot)... In a scene that has her engaged in a standoff with Steppenwolf, the latter orders his Parademons to stay away from her: "This one is mine". In the original film, she responds with a weak, "You overestimate yourself," but here, she thunders: "I belong to no one."

There are plenty of whistle-worthy moments that did not make it to the first iteration of this film, but Snyder's strength is still subtlety. When *Aquaman* (Jason Momoa) disappears into the sea, he doesn't create an underwater sonic boom, like in the old film. He disappears, leaving just ripples behind. When *Cyborg* and *The Flash* (Ezra Miller) dig up the coffin of Superman, there is no dramatic sound of the spade striking the buried casket. We simply move to a shot of them loading the box into the trunk of their car. Snyder has also largely cast away the awkward humour sprinkled across the first film. Remember when Superman (Henry Cavill) asks Batman (Ben Affleck) the franchise's most iconic line, "Do you bleed?", and the battered Bat replies, "Yeah, something is definitely bleeding"? The subtlety of Snyder takes over here, thankfully. We also now have a Flash who, amidst saving his future love interest from a car crash, in one of the film's many brilliant slow-mo shots, also takes time to steal a sausage from a wrecked hot dog stall... so he can feed dogs. Such everyday actions make these unrelatable heroes, more real.

In an integral scene showing how Superman gets his black suit, we hear the voices of both his biological father Jor-El and adopted father Jonathan Kent. Snyder's ability to understand and respect the source material while integrating his style of filmmaking into this comic book world, can be seen throughout this film. It really shows why DCEU needs more filmmakers like Snyder, Patty Jenkins and James Wan to keep the Marvel-DC rivalry livelier. The choice of the background score, the colour scheme and even visual effects excellence, place the new film leaps and bounds beyond the previous one. There is no question that this is one of the most visually stunning superhero films ever made. While the 4:3 aspect ratio can take time getting used to, it is important to understand that the film was designed to be watched on an IMAX screen.

ZSJL shows more heart across its ambitious length. For DC fans like yours truly, who have sieved through mush searching for a shimmer of gold, the film is almost a miracle. If this version had released way back in 2017, it might have resulted in new characters branching out into their own franchise films. While it is disheartening to note that we might not get to see many of these characters again, the current trending hashtag #RestoreTheSnyderVerse does give a glimmer of hope. It is the same hope that got us *ZSJL* in the first place, that got us asking if it would be a stretch to associate the 'S' on Superman's chest--meaning hope in Kryptonian--with the director of this film...